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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 1972

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library on Tuesday, September 12, 1972 at 1:30 p.m. Eighteen members were present and signed the roll call sheet as well as a get well card to be sent to treasurer Warren Reeder in the hospital with a broken hip.

The president, Mrs. Nina Cravens presided. She asked the secretary to read the following proposed program for the year:

- Sunday, Oct. 15, 1972 - 2:15 p.m. - "History of the Calumet River"- John Phrommer.
- Sunday, Nov. 19, 1972 - 2:15 p.m. - "Heritage of Gary" a film courtesy of U.S. Steel Corp, Gary.
- Sunday, Feb. 11, 1973 - 2:15 p.m. - "The Calumet Room" a panel Florence Cleveland, curator, and Warren A. Reeder. Tour of the room.
- Sunday, Mar. 18, 1973 - 2:15 p.m. - "Hammond's Longest Mayoralty Term" - Edward H. Dowling, Hammond.
- Sunday, Apr. 15, 1973 - 2:15 p.m. - "Preservation of Lake County Documents." - John G. Krupa, East Chicago.
- Tuesday, May 15, 1973 - 6:30 p.m. - "James Whitcomb Riley, Indiana's Poet Laureate." - Dr. George E. Davis, Purdue University, Lafayette. Annual dinner to be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7227 Hohman Ave. History of the church to be given by Rev. Acker.
- Sunday, June 17, 1973 - 1:30 p.m. - Annual Bus Tour - Chester-ton vicinity. Norris Combs, Duneland Historical Society.

Mr. Wilhelm moved, Florence Cleveland seconded, and the Board unanimously voted the acceptance of the proposed program. The possibility of having the annual dinner catered was discussed and the need to pay rental to the church was considered if necessary, but should be discussed with the minister as a possible community service. Mrs. Cravens encouraged all to work on their individual genealogies to turn in soon.

Mr. Wilhelm spoke about the Northern Indiana History Conference to be held in South Bend next Saturday, Sept. 16, and encouraged any who could to attend. The following eight indicated they were planning to attend: Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hayward, Mrs. Nina Cravens, Mrs. Florence Cleveland, Mrs. R.T. Williams, and Marjorie Sohl.

Mr. Wilhelm who is District I representative on the state commission outlined plans so far made at the state level for the celebration in four years of the American Revolution Bicentennial. They will stress a look back to our heritage, a festival invitation to the world to see America now, and a look at our horizons of the future. Lack of money to work with so far has limited the committee. They hope to designate a section of natural land as a festival park, sell a commemorative medal-lion, send a history-mobile thru the state, expand the manuscript program, develop Ft. Knox near Vincennes, and encourage local societies and cities to be thinking about and developing ways to mark the bicentennial.

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Discussion was then directed to thoughts of our local society and what we can do to promote our activities. The attached list of suggestions was presented by Mr. Wilhelm and discussed by the group. A motion was made by Eugene Chlebowski and seconded by Robert Wilhelm to name a committee to work on ways to impliment these suggestions to try to interest more students and young people in the society. A committee of Eugene Chlebowski, chairman, Alice Fuzy, Mrs. R.T. Williams, and Darril Reed were named to meet and work out some suggestions to present to the organization at our next meeting on Oct. 16.

Mr. Hayward called the Board's attention to the historical exhibit in the balcony and main floor display case at the library that will be up thru September.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl".

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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FIFTH NORTHERN INDIANA HISTORY CONFERENCE

Your presence will contribute significantly to the success of this meeting so we do hope you will attend. The place - The South Bend Public Library, 122 West Wayne Street, South Bend. The time - Saturday, September 16. The Northern Indiana Historical Society is the local sponsor. Here is the program:

- 9:00 a.m. - registration, coffee and conversation, South Bend Public Library
- 10:00 a.m. - Patrick J. Munson, Indiana University, "The Palos Site and the Early Historic Miami."
James H. Kellar, Indiana University, "Ouatatonon Revisited."
James O. Bellis, University of Notre Dame, "Searching for Fort St. Joseph."
- 11:30 a.m. - Jack J. Detzler, Saint Mary's College, "South Bend in the 1920's - One View."
- 12:30 p.m. - luncheon, Indiana Club, 320 W. Jefferson Boulevard
- 1:45 p.m. - (SBPL) Delbert Gratz, Bluffton College, "Byroads and Backroads of Amish and Mennonite Family Research."
- 3:00 p.m. - History on Wheels - a bus tour of interesting sites and places in South Bend
- 5:30 p.m. - dinner, Indiana Club, David R. Hermansen, Ball State University, "The Historic American Building Survey in Indiana."

The "package" price for the day, including two meals, is \$9.00. If you do not plan to go on the tour, you may deduct \$1.00. Or you may deduct \$2.25 (lunch) or \$4.50 (dinner) if you must miss one of the meals. Needless to say, your support of the entire program will be much appreciated. Reservations must be made with either Mrs. Alice Johnston, Indiana Historical Society, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 46204, or Mr. Salvatore Cilella, Northern Indiana Historical Society, 112 South Lafayette Boulevard, South Bend 46601, by Tuesday, September 12.

This is an excellent opportunity for leaders of local societies to become better acquainted. Support and participation by the many societies of the area will be mutually beneficial. Make up at least one carload from your organization. We hope to see you at South Bend on the 16th.

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Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Street, Hammond
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Don Gavit	422 Waltham Street, Hammond
F. Darril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Hays	7931 Delmar Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Highland
Eugene A. Chlebowski, Jr.	6719 New Hampshire Avenue, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Stella B. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Munster

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1972

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, October 15, 1972 at the Hammond Public Library. Mrs. George Cravens, president, opened the meeting at 2:25 p.m. She announced there would be no minutes nor a treasurer's report because Miss Sohl was out of town and Mr. Reeder was ill. A roll call sheet which was passed indicated 44 present plus at least 10 more students who did not sign the register. Since Mr. Wilhelm was on vacation, Mrs. Cravens asked Mr. Chlebowski to read the list of suggestions which Mr. Wilhelm had submitted to the Board of Directors for the future development of the Hammond Historical Society. Mr. Chlebowski read the list and it is appended to these minutes. Mrs. Cravens welcomed to the meeting students from Lincoln School and their teacher Mrs. Libby Levin.

Mr. John Phrommer, the speaker for the day's program was introduced by Mrs. Cravens. His topic: THE GRAND CALUMET RIVER. Mr. Phrommer prefaced his comments by saying there is nothing "grand" about the Calumet River today but recently enough for him and many others present to remember, it had a fine swimming facility just east of Columbia Avenue and the little Calumet had one just east of the Monon Bridge. Many people enjoyed boating on the river from Kahl's Boat House located on the south side of the river just east of Calumet Avenue. A complete circle could be made going west in the river to Lake Michigan and reentry via the Indiana Harbor ship canal. Many lumber and coal cargo boats came in and docked near the Hohman Avenue bridge. Mr. Phrommer recalled as a boy pulling his wagon to the Hohman Avenue bridge where they bought their winter's supply of apples from a fruit boat docked there.

The packing house fire marked the beginning of the deterioration of the river with the debris that fell or was thrown into the river. It gradually accumulated mud and silt around the debris until today in many places the river is no more than 10 inches deep and very narrow with little flow. Several efforts have been made to rehabilitate the river. The earliest was instigated by the Hammond Real Estate Board as a special project of this new organization. On Dec. 8 and 9, 1931, a group of about seventy interested people from East Chicago, Hammond and Gary went to Washington on a special train which served as their hotel in Washington to meet with President Hoover and Congress. Representative Will R. Wood of Lafayette, Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee and Congressman from this district met with the delegation to call on the president. They were well received and listened to but assured there just was no federal money for such a project. In 1939 another effort was made in Washington and the project was included in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill and Congress appropriated funds for the project, but then the war came along and such projects had to be cancelled for the greater war effort. As recently as three years ago, Mayor Nicosia of East Chicago made another effort in Washington. The project could get included in the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill but no funds would be appropriated for it so it would die. None of the recent efforts have been backed up with a large and enthusiastic enough local following to carry them through. Both Hammond and East Chicago would stand to benefit from the inexpensive transportation that such a navigable stream would provide for industry.

Mr. Phrommer stressed that any waterway must be defined as a navigable stream in order to qualify for federal funds, and the money must be spent to improve the navigability. The Grand Calumet is still considered to be a navigable stream by the U.S. Corp. of Engineers in Chicago. The Little Calumet has been discussed as a development for park and recreation uses. This, however, does not qualify it for federal funds. The St. Lawrence Seaway project accomplished what it set out to do except to make the Calumet River navigable. The culverts constructed at Sohl and Hohman Avenue bridges across the river were done under temporary permits issued by the engineers corp in Chicago and would have to be removed if they ever decided to widen or develop the river. The U.S. Housing Authority developed on the south bank of the river now has tied up as residential very valuable industrial land if the river were ever developed.

The Calumet River received its name from a local tribe of Indians. It's origin is in a pond in Marquette Park in Gary. It flows west to near Ashland Avenue where the Little Calumet joins it and they go together to Lake Michigan. Locks at this point control the flow into the Lake.

In a question period, several members present shared their interesting remembrances of the river in earlier days. The meeting adjourned at 3:30. Coffee and cookies were served in the social hour to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

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Eugene Chlebowski, Jr.	6719 New Hampshire Avenue, Hammond
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Elizabeth Baliga	4318 Dearborn Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Ann Kosarko	3822 Grover Avenue, Hammond
Geri Kosarko	3822 Grover Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. William A. Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
John Phrommer	7142 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. E.S. Martin	12739 Woodland Avenue, Cedar Lake
Mrs. Alton A. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Grace Parker	7523 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Street, Hammond
Alma Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Delbert L. Bud Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Constance E. (Knorr) Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Ada Lopez	4544 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Carolyn Liubakka	4120 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Cheryl Poore	3931 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Cynthia L. Biedron	4124 Sheffield Avenue, Hammond
Pamela S. Krygier	4209 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Christensen	1810 Cleveland Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Highland
Gladys Hays	7931 Delmar Avenue, Hammond
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Verlyn P. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Grace E. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Diane Decker	4229 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Laurie Greenwell	4227 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Libby Levin	Lincoln School, Hammond
Mildred Welty	3818 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1972

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nina Cravens, in the meeting room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, November 19, 1972 at 2:30 p.m. The attendance sheet showed 25 present. Minutes of the October 15 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$356.30 and made an appeal for dues to be paid up at \$5.00 a year with a choice of one of our publications. Warren Reeder also reported on his work and efforts to get a tax exemption from the state in order to get a lower postage rate. He discovered that our constitution makes no provision for disbursement of our assets upon dissolution. By law we would pay our debts and what is left over goes to the county and then to the state, but we must say so and register this with the state. It was voted to add an amendment to the constitution to say that upon dissolution our assets be distributed according to state law.

Buelah Drackert had brought in to Warren Reeder a picture of State and Hohman in 1885. The question of the "oldest house" was again raised as not being the one on the northeast corner of Sibley and State Line. The assessor said this house was erected in 1915. An older house is 2 doors south, at 5113 State Line, and it looks like the one pictured in the Times recently that was slated to be torn down. Mrs. Williams said the older house pictured had been Pete Mynes ~~1884~~ father's house and she had lived in it in 1903. Someone by the name of Stonebreaker owned the house at Sibley and State Line.

Mrs. Cravens introduced the program for the day, the movie of Gary's history entitled "The Heritage of Gary" obtained through the courtesy of the U.S. Steel Corporation which had commissioned and financed the production of it. Attending the meeting today was Mr. Tedd Urice, the photographer, producer and director of the film who was introduced and agreed to answer questions after the viewing of the film. Mr. Urice said the film was originally 1½ hours but had been edited to 33 minutes, a more convenient length for use with students. It begins with the early Indians, Bailey Town of 6 or 8 walled cabins, the early settlers from the east: Solin Robinson, Thomas Gibson, Robert Todd. It covers the coming of the railroads, E.H. Gary looking for a site for a steel plant, A.F. Knotts involvement, and the rapid growth of the city, layed out and planned from the beginning with Broadway to be 100 feet wide, and 5th Ave. 80 feet wide. Gary Land Company layed out the city and the steel company provided the materials. Judge Ora Wildermuth was the first schoolmaster. Dr. William Wirt directed the system to world wide renown. Lorraine Duncan, now Mrs. Washington, was the first black child in the Gary schools. Christmas was hard the first years so a Christmas party was held for the children, a tradition still continued today. On July 23, 1908 the first ore boat arrived in the Gary Harbor and was greeted with a 21 gun salute. Mary L. Gleason lit the first fire in the U.S. Steel Corp. Gary Tribune and Gary Post were early newspapers. Gary's rapidly growing negro population was attributed to those who came in to work in the mills when many foreign born left to fight for their homeland in World War I and the negroes took their places and stayed. Gary's rapid growth brought with it its many problems.

Reference was made in the film to the legend of Diane of the Dunes. Mr. Urice expanded on the background of Diane and her unfortunate venture with Paul Wilson. His research showed her to be a great woman with writing ability and he is making another film about her to be available in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a social hour and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Ave, Hammond
Mrs. Ithel Andrews	1105 Sumner St, Hammond
Mrs. Ann Stevesend	918 Sumner St. Hammond
Mrs. Emma Heusknecht	835 Morris Str, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	221 Adelaide Pl. Munster
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond
Tedd Urice	6423 Kennedy Ave. Hammond
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave. Hammond
Mrs. G. H. Schroeter	40 Lawndale St. Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Bering Pkwy, Hammond
Mrs. N. V. Owen	440 Highland St. Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Ave. Hammond
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Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence St, Hammond
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THE TIMES

Wednesday, February 7, 1973

**HISTORICAL
GROUP MEETS**

HAMMOND—A discussion of "The Calumet Room" in the Main Public Library, 566 State St., will highlight the first 1973 meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

Members of the society, and others interested in the early history of the region, will meet at 2:15 p.m. Sunday in the library building.

Florence Cleveland, in charge of "The Calumet Room" on the second floor will discuss the content and the goals of the place.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1973

The Hammond Historical Society met at the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, February 11, 1973. The president, Mrs. Nina Cravens called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. 27 persons signed the attendance sheet. The treasurer reported a balance of \$335.

The subject of the program for the day was "The Calumet Room." The presentation was made by two of our own very active members who are very closely connected with the Calumet Room: Florence Cleveland, curator, and Warren Reeder, our current treasurer and bulletin editor.

Florence Cleveland outlined briefly the origin and history of the development of the room as it is today. Plans for the Calumet Room were incorporated into the very earliest plans for the new library building as a room reserved for the preservation of materials of Hammond history. When the move to the new library was made in the summer of 1967, the library and historical society materials of Hammond history were accumulated. An effort was then made to let local organizations know of the policy of the library and the society to collect local histories, past and present in this room. It was not until Mrs. Cleveland retired from the full time staff position at the library and became the part time curator of the Calumet Room in 1970 that progress was made in organizing and classifying the many materials being collected. The room is now open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Materials do not circulate but facilities are available to make photocopies of materials held. Attached is a list of some of the best and most used books and materials included in the Calumet Room collection compiled by Mrs. Cleveland and on which she spoke on selected titles. A list of the various kinds of materials included in the collection of books, pamphlets, newspapers, scrapbooks, maps, tapes, and negatives makes one realize how extensive and varied the collection is and also suggests the kinds of materials for which we should all be constantly on the lookout. She mentioned some of the typical and varied kinds of requests for information which come to her.

Warren Reeder then expressed how grateful we are for such an interested and devoted curator as Florence Cleveland. He spoke of a variety of experiences he has had in gathering material for the Calumet Room. He has been called in to assess materials when people or businesses have been cleaning things out. We are constantly trying to organize and assimilate these things. Referring to the past as but the prologue, we want to convey our history to the new generation. Tracing ones geneology is now a popular activity. Oral history has been of increasing interest and Warren has done several taped interviews of early citizens recently deceased. We must decide what we want to know and to do with our oral history collection and then seek out the people in all walks of local life who can give us the information we want. We must go to industry for their history. We are not transcribing tapes because this is very expensive, approximately \$20 per page. We should encourage anyone to write down his impressions of any period or event.

The next meeting was announced for Sunday, March 18th. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 with refreshments served and members encouraged to go up to tour the Calumet Room with Mrs. Cleveland.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryjane Sokel, Secretary

BEST SELECTED MATERIALS ON HAMMOND HISTORY
IN THE CALUMET ROOM
March 9, 1972

BOOKS

CALUMET REGION HISTORICAL GUIDE, Writer's Project. 1939
R-977.299-W939s

CALUMET REGION, INDIANA'S LAST FRONTIER, by Powell A. Moore.
R-977.29-M785c
History of the Calumet Region from 1822-1933, the formative years. Draws all the history of the cities of Lake County together.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CLARKE DAY BOOK. R-977.31-C552d
Diary of Mr. Clarke 1853-65 as he carried on business in the area.

LAKE CO. INDIANA (1834-1904), by Rev. Timothy Ball. R-977.299-B21e
Genealogy and biography of Lake Co. Ind. including good material on Hammond.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA FROM 1800-1900, by Rev. Timothy Ball.
R-977.29-B21
Early settlers, organizations, religions, cities and towns and their attempts to change.

PEP IN CALUMET, Hammond Chamber of Commerce. R-917.729-P319
Pictures and happenings of the 1920's.

REPRINT OF 1904 EDITION OF THE HAMMOND DAILY NEWS, Hammond Historical Society. R-977.299-H185f
Founding and growth of Hammond.

REPRODUCTION OF HAMMOND CITY DIRECTORY 1891-1892, by Hammond Historical Society. R-977.299-H185h
Gives a great deal of historical information that cannot be found elsewhere. Covers every individual in the small village of Hammond at that date.

STANDARD HISTORY OF LAKE CO. AND THE CALUMET REGION,
by William F. Howat, M.D. R-977.299-H83
Vol. I-History; Vol. II-Biography
One of the most used reference books on history and biography of this region.

YEARBOOKS OF HIGH SCHOOLS. R-373-H185

PAMPHLETS

Biographies
Paper Clippings - historic happenings
Pictures of people, places, streets, houses, parks, buildings and historic events.
Publications of organizations of churches, and schools.
Reports of Clubs
Woman's Club programs 1899 to the present.

NEWSPAPERS

Hammond Daily Echo Nov. 3, 1887.
 Earliest we have
 Hammond Daily News 1904
 Hammond Times, 1933
 Golden Anniversary of Hammond's Incorporation
 Hammond Times Centennial Edition, 1951
 Ernst Hohman, the first settler erected the first home within
 our corporate limits in June, 1951.
 Hessville Lite, 1952-1969
 World War I, Facsimilies of the Chicago Tribune.
 World War II, Facsimilies of the Chicago Tribune.
 World War I and World War II, Hammond Times.

SCRAPBOOKS

Conroy, Joseph and Elliott
 Daughters of the American Revolution
 H.H.S. '34 '35 '36 '37
 Pictures and articles of Hammond families and their associates.
 Scenes and buildings of Hammond.
 Hammond Public Library 1905-1964, 1964-1970

MAPS

Hammond Indiana 1886-1887
 Index to Streets
 Atlas Platt Book of Lake Co. Ind.
 City of Hammond Quarter Sec. 1949
 Hammond and the Vicinity with the School Branches
 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Indiana. R-912.772-M322
 Township Maps of Lake County showing ownership. 1966

TAPES

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Hammond Historical Society Programs

Dr. Powell Moore	"How I Wrote 'The Calumet Region'"
Warren A. Reeder	"Caroline Hohman's Diary"
John Wilhelm	"This I Remember"
John Scherer	"Early Reminiscences from 1884"
Chris Dubbs	"History of W.B. Conkey Co."
Mrs. P.Q. Row	"Rimbach Street and the Telephone Company"
William "Jake" Schloer	"Schloer and Sons Shoe Store"

Oral History

Arthur Weiss
Audrey Bussert

James Meade
John F. Wilhelm
Warren A. Reeder
Edward Hayward

"Early Industry in Hammond"
Program at Orchard Drive School
"Little Hoosier Historians"
"Conversations with John Wilhelm"

Henry Reissig "Banks and Bankers"
Review Indiana authors:
We Came Rejoicing, by Garvey Jacobs
In God We Trust, by Jean Shepherd
(Hammond native)

Complete list in back of Reproduction of 1891 Hammond City Directory

NEGATIVES 1958-1961

From the Hammond Times Newspaper
No file at the Hammond Times now.

Subjects: Accidents, people, places, business, industry, schools,
churches, organizations, hospitals and events of cities including
Hammond and the Calumet Region.

When we were young we did
not ask questions and when
we were old there was no one
to answer them.

ORAL HISTORY TAPES

<u>TAPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
#35	11-21-70	Mr. C. Lee Crean Mr. Richard Shriner	Mayors Citizens Advisory Committee. Workshop on Housing
#36	9-11-71	Warren A. Reeder	"Calumet Region Characters I Have Known" Northern Indiana History Conference
#37	9-11-71	Raymond Madden, Congressman	"Katyn Forest Massacre" Northern Indiana History Conf.
#38	9-11-71	Father Dominic Gerlach G. David Kock	St. Joseph's Indian Normal School Pioneer Migration Patterns Northern Indiana History Conf.
#39	10-24-71	Clarence Huber Bayless Paddack	History of Hammond Morticians Hammond Historical Society Meeting
#40	11-28-71	Peter Schrum	Johann Schrum family history Hammond Historical Society Meeting
#41	1-30-72	Merrett Metz	Garfield and McKinley Masonic Lodges Hammond Historical Society Meeting
#42	2-27-72	William "Jake" Schloer	Schloer family history Schloer Shoe Store history Hammond Historical Society Meeting
#43	3-7-72	Rae Royce	Attorney talks of his background and cases in Hammond in 20's & 30's
#44	3-13-72	Mrs. Martha Wilke	Interview with Mr. John Wilhelm and Mr. Warren Reeder "Hammond in the 1900's."
#45	3-22-71	Warren A. Reeder	History of the Calumet Board of Realtors
#46	2-17-72	Warren A. Reeder Donald C. Gardner	"Purdue and Woodmar"
#47	3-26-72	Robert Wilhelm	Hammond Boy Scouts Hammond Historical Society Meeting
#48	4-19-72	E.F. Hodel	Value of Disciplined Reading
#49	4-22-71	Roscoe Hemstock, Realtor	"Local Events 1910-1971"
#50	4-11-72	F. Derrell Reed	His ancestry and Hammond Building Boom in the 20's.

NEW BOOKS IN THE CALUMET ROOM

ASTRO - PURDUE UNIVERSITY, CALUMET CAMPUS. R-373-P972a
Yearbook

CALUMET REGION IN MODEL MAP CONTOUR, by Alfred H. Meyer.
R-977.299-M575c

FUNDAMENTAL VEGETATION IN THE CALUMET REGION, by Alfred H. Meyer.
Northwest Indiana and Northwest Illinois. R-977.299-M575t

GRAND PRAIRIE, by Katherine S. Bolt. R-977.297-B639g
History of Benton County, Warren County and Tippecanoe County in
Indiana. History of Bolt family.

HAMMOND, INDIANA; created by Windsor Publication. R-917.729-H184h3
A brochure to acquaint people with Hammond as a good place to live,
work, and engage in business.

HISTORY OF THE LAKE AND CALUMET REGION OF INDIANA, by Cannon, Loring
and Robb. R-977.29-C164h
Historical account of the people and the progress of Lake, Porter
and LaPorte Counties (from the earliest times to 1927).

LAKE COUNTY IN MAPS, by Daniel Dull. R-912.7729-D88L
It's maps are designed to give user a general overview of the
historical and cultural development of this county.

LAKE COUNTY TIMES: 1906-1918, by Judith Richter. R-071.7729-R418h
Thesis in journalism about the early history of the Lake County Times.

LITTLE LOVE, by Michael A. Campagna. R-362-C15L
History of Boys Town in Schererville in which author glances back
over the road he has travelled to evaluate his progress.

LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES IN A SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY,
by Sam A. Sudler. R-025.171-Su36L

* NO PERFORMANCE TODAY, by Warren A. Reeder. R-373-R257n
An account of the events leading up to, during and following the
train wreck of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train and a government
troop train at Ivanhoe (Tower) Indiana, 4 a.m. June 22, 1918.

ROHRBACH GENEALOGY, by Lewis Bunker Rohrbaugh. R-929.2-R636r
History of the Rohrbach family 1709-1900.

* SOUTH SHORE, by William Middleton. R-388.46-M584s
History of the South Shore, the last interurban, with maps, time-
tables and scale interurban and locomotive drawings.

TOPONOMY IN SEQUENCE OCCUPANCE, by Alfred H. Meyer. R-977.29-M577t
Geography, Calumet Region, Indiana.

WHEN ROBERTSDALE WAS A SWAMP: A Stage Production. R-812-W574
Presented by Clark Franklin PTA, April 9, 1948

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1973
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Evelyn Burne	739 N. Indiana Street, Griffith
Mary J. Maguire	513 Lewis Street, Hammond
Vic Mettler	521 - 165th Street, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Grace E. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Elmer Rose	6906 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Lucille Rose	6906 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Delbert F. Bud Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Constance E. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Warren Reeder	
Marjorie Sohl	

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF

March 18, 1973 AT THE
HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 566 State Street, Hammond, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Cravens at 2:30 p.m. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting and also the treasurer's report were dispensed with.

Mrs. Cravens then introduced John Krupa, our speaker for the day. Mr. Krupa is former county clerk of Lake County, an East Chicago resident, and a local historian.

Mr. Krupa spoke on the records of early Lake County available in the courthouse. He described how they have been microfilmed and can be researched by those who are interested.

He also said that it would be a good idea if all of these older records and artifacts were centralized at Crown Point in the old courthouse. He is on the committee to restore this building for the purpose of making it a cultural center.

He said that the actual microfilming began in 1960 under Frank Grandys as county clerk. Most of the books dating back to 1837 were covered, such as the first marriage book, the first probate book and the first circuit rider book.

He also described the commission on public records which is getting and disposing early of non-usable records or saving them. Several prominent members of the county government are on this commission. He said that two copies of the microfilm have been made. One of these is kept in the vault of the banks.

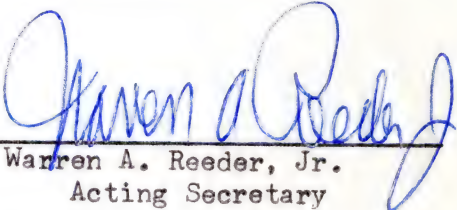
Mr. Krupa also turned over to the Society some personal records of Judge Reiters which he discovered when they were vacating the old Hammond courthouse last summer. He also mentioned a recent discovery of old Lake County records

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at Cedar Lake and said that we need a central spot for such items, again referring to the hope of getting the old courthouse for a museum and archives center.

Mr. Krupa gave us some inspirational words to continue our work into the future and told of how they had found some records that had been lost for 45 years. One of the most interesting things that they have is the original marriage license of the famous movie actor Rudolph Valentino. It is asked for so many times that they have a special mark on the book when they go to look for it.

He concluded with an amusing story about a couple who thought that the issuance of the marriage license was an actual marriage ceremony and discovered many years later that it was not.


Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Acting Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1973
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Edward B. Hayward
John F. Wilhelm
Warren Reeder
Robert E. Wilhelm
Nina S. Cravens
Grace E. Mack
G. Whitney
Olive Isaacs
Marion Isaacs
F.J. Shotkowske
Agnes Yauck
Conchetta Geis
P.J. Hunter
Isabel Webb
Evainez Jonas
Ann Stevesand
Ethel Andrews
Alma Rohde

6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
30 Glendale Park, Hammond
5933 Park Place, Hammond
423 Florence Street, Hammond
14 Ruth Street, Hammond
6806 Grand Avenue, Hammond
RR 9, Valparaiso, Indiana
RR 9, Valparaiso, Indiana
6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
7438 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
7337 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
6432 Forest Avenue, Hammond
7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
256 Detroit Street, Hammond
918 Summer Street, Hammond
1105 Summer Street, Hammond
7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond

Department of the Treasury

District Director

Internal Revenue Service

Date: MAR 30 1973

In reply refer to:

L-178 :442:22:PLZ

CIN:EO:73: 0417

► The Hammond Historical Society, Inc.
c/o 260 - 165th Street
Hammond, IN 46324



Gentlemen:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

You are not liable for social security (FICA) taxes unless you file a waiver of exemption certificate as provided in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. You are not liable for the taxes imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If your purposes, character, or method of operation is changed, you must let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status. Also, you must inform us of all changes in your name or address.

If your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$5,000, you are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, for failure to file a return on time.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Please keep this determination letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Schuster
District Director

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1973

The Hammond Historical Society met at the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, April 15, 1973. The president, Mrs. Nina Cravens called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Twenty one persons signed the attendance sheet. The treasurer reported a balance of \$322.80. Mr. Reeder also announced that we had received I.R.S. approval as a non-profit organization. Now post office approval must be secured before the lower bulk postal rate may be used. He pointed out a few items on display today: a photograph of the old Nason family with all people identified; some old watches from Kurt Marx; and a few pages from old records recovered at the old city barn before it was torn down. The annual meeting was announced to be held Tuesday, May 15 at the First United Lutheran Church at Locust and Hohman. Dr. George E. Davis of Purdue University, an expert on James Whitcomb Riley will be the speaker. Mr. Wilhelm also had a picture of 60 men from the first Baptist Church. At a reunion meeting in 1940-43 all but three were identified. A copy of it will be given to the society. Also to be given is the records from 3 or 4 reunions for the class of 1924 from Hammond High School.

The speaker for the day was presented, former Mayor Vernon Anderson, to speak on his administration as Mayor of Hammond 1948-1955. He was born in Valporiso, moved to East Chicago when 2 or 3 and to Hammond when 6. He attended Riverside and Washington Schools and Hammond High School. He got a job at Harbison-Walker in East Chicago and three years later he was production manager with 500 employees under him. He stayed there five years but left because of unhealthy conditions. He was then in the real estate business until he became mayor. He lived on Detroit Street and became a spokesman for the neighborhood and was then elected to the city council where he served for five years due to the passage of the skip election laws. He was elected Republican city chairman and within 3 or 4 months he filled out the precinct committee organization and ran a training school for them. He was asked to run for mayor and he campaigned thru house meetings of small groups of people. He polled twice as many votes as his two opponents in the primary. He was elected in the fall by a 800 vote margin. He itemized his accomplishments while mayor as:

1. Tech site - arranged a land exchange with the park board to permit the construction where it is today.
2. Bottleneck on Hohman - installed parking meters, the receipts to be used to widen Hohman Ave.
3. City Plan Commission adopted a Master Plan for Hammond.
4. Civic Center acoustically treated.
5. Removal of Health Department from politics and brought in a doctor as Health Commissioner.
6. Replaced old city equipment with new packer type garbage trucks. Bought new street, fire and police department equipment and advertised for bids on police cars.
7. Reorganized the police and fire departments and retained Frank Martinson as chief.
8. Brought Purdue Extension to Hammond by getting industry to buy the land and donate it to Purdue.
9. Won annual clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign for 5 years, one year won grand national prize.

10. Closed the old city park swimming holes and built modern pools in Edison, Douglas and Hessville parks.
11. Expanded the water works facilities.
12. Converted all 120 miles of cinder streets into black-topped streets.
13. Got legislation thru to increase bonding power so next administration could go ahead with storm sewers.
14. Won traffic safety awards.
15. Got the right-of-way for 129th Street
16. Got the toll road built across Hammond.
17. Wolf Lake park developed to deepen the lake and to use the dirt for fill on the toll road.
18. Started the installation of vapor lights throughout city.
19. Got the state to widen Kennedy Ave. to releave the bottleneck from East Chicago.
20. Built a new fire station on 173rd Street, using the same plans as for East Chicago and it cost only half as much.
21. Developed a good relationship with labor negotiating nine strikes with 100 % effectiveness.
22. Celebrated the Hammond centennial with great cooperation of the people.
23. Average tax increase in 8 years as mayor only 7½%.

Mr. Anderson had decided not to run for reelection as mayor, he was petitioned by 20,000 nams so he ran and was defeated by 445 votes. He decided to go back to real estate but his license had expired. He took the state exam and passed with the highest grade ever made. Meanwhile, Harold Hanley asked him to manage his campaign for governor. He saw Hanley elected and then served him as administrative assistant for three years. He decided to come back to Hammond. Then he was called upon to manage Nixon's campaign in Indiana in the 1960 election. Nixon carried Indiana by the largest margin of any state in the U.S. That ended his political career.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1973
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Whitney	6806 Grand Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Maguire	513 Lewis Street, Hammond
Ethel Andrews	1105 Summer Street, Hammond
Pauline Kish	5727 Columbia Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Vic Mettler	521 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mrs. W. and Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. A, Highland
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster,
Mary Jane Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1973

The Hammond Historical Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 1973 at the First United Lutheran Church, 6705 Hohman Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. Sixty members attended.

Rev. Albert Swasko pronounced the invocation. The dinner was catered by Genes.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nina Cravens at 7:30 p.m. She read a welcome once given by James Whitcomb Riley. She introduced the people at the head table. Warren Reeder introduced those attending from historical societies from Chesterton, East Chicago and Hessville. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer submitted the attached report showing a balance of \$391.71. He pointed out the items on the report where higher costs of materials were reflected. With the non-profit status now established, the postage costs should be reduced by almost two-thirds. Mr. Edward Hayward gave the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President - Mrs. Ray T. Williams
1st Vice President - F. Derril Reed
2nd Vice President - Miss Helen Hogue
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

DIRECTORS - Term expiring May 1977
Mrs. Alice Brooks
Mr. Henry Fehlberg
Mr. Willard Jonas
Mrs. Grace Mack
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

DIRECTOR - Unexpired term to May, 1976 for
Mrs. Gladys Hays (deceased)
Mr. Donald Backe

There were no further nominations from the floor so the slate was declared elected unanimously.

The president, Mrs. Cravens gave a summary of the years activities in her annual report. She stressed the fact we have had good programs but poor attendance.

Mrs. Florence Cleveland conducted a brief memorial service for the members who have died during the past year: Ray Williams, Joe Hirsch, Mary Burhans, Mrs. Gladys Hays, and Robert Wilhelm. A rose for each was presented by Norman Allen, Mrs. Alice Brooks, Mrs. Lyda Owen, Helen Hogue and Fern Arnold.

Rev. Albert Swasko, the pastor at the host church welcomed us to their facilities. He indicated his growing appreciation for groups like ours interested in the preservation of historic records thru the years because of his church's recent search for papers of historic importance. The congregation is 35 years old, organized in 1939, but sharing fellowship with the Lutheran church dating from 1748. It

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started with 104 members as a mission congregation supported by the mother church. It now claims 350 families with 1100 members. It first met in the Hammond Woman's Club building which is now the American Legion Home on Ruth Street. The present land was purchased in 1940 but because of the war and building restrictions, construction was not started until 1948. The hall in which we were meeting was the original church structure. The new church unit was added in 1960, which seats almost 600. In its 35 years, the church is now being served by its fifth pastor. He has been here eight years.

Mrs. Cravens explained that our speaker for the evening was scheduled to be Dr. George E. Davis, executive director of the Indiana State Commission on the Aging and Aged to speak on James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet whose life and poetry he has studied. Just minutes before the dinner, we received word that he was stricken with a heart attack on his way up here and was confined to the hospital in Dyer. Our very able treasurer, Warren Reeder, responded with securing from his office a manuscript he had written on Abraham Lincoln and his children. He compared Abe and Mary Lincoln, their own background and up-bringing which was reflected in their attitudes to their own children. In many ways, Abe and Mary Lincoln were opposites but they both concurred on their love for children. They had four sons within ten years, but only one of them, Robert, survived to adulthood. Mary Todd Lincoln was emotionally immature and the loss of her children did not help any. Tad, the youngest was Abe's favorite who was spoiled and never controlled. Tad and Willie were always involved in mischief around the White House. Tad was said by many to be mentally retarded. He was only 10 when his father died. He developed a chest cold and choked to death when he was 17. Willie was serious and much like his father. He died in 1862 of bilious fever when only 11 years old. There are three living direct descendants of Lincoln, all grandchildren of Robert. Robert split with his mother and had her committed in Batavia as not mentally responsible. She lived 17 years as a widow and died in 1882 after losing 3 sons, a husband, and a grandson. She was buried in Springfield with her husband.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, May 15, 1973
ATTENDANCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Joyce Ann Sovinski	6331 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Kurt Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
A. James Cox	4227 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Errett Martin	12737 Woodland Avenue, Cedar Lake,
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Grace E. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Leslie Holtzman	7408 Center Drive, Hammond
Blanche Mack Holtzman	7408 Center Drive, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Joseph M. Piekarczyk	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon I. MacMilan	229 Fairbanks Street, Munster
Mrs. William A. Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. E. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Alice G. Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Rose G. Levan	4901 Drummond Avenue, East Chicago
Jean Tempster leton	3734 Grand Blvd, East Chicago
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Grace Parker	7523 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Herbert W. Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Helen Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Florence E. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Leonard Anderson	MR, Box 367, Chesterton, Ind.
Norris D. Coombs	411 Bowser Avenue, Chesterton, Ind.
Marion Isaacs	R 9, Box 41, Valparaiso
Olive Isaacs	R 9, Box 41, Valparaiso
Theo J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
P. Hepner	229 Conkey Street, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hartfield	407 Highland Street, Hammond
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Fern Garrett	246 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Street, Hammond
Howard Cook	6926 Osborn Avenue, Hammond
V. E. Iliff	2530 - 169th Street, Hammond
Louis N. Cook	6944 Osborn Avenue, Hammond
Rev. Albert Swasko	
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Whitney & 2 guests.	



The Hammond Historical Society

260 - 165th STREET
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

FINANCIAL REPORT, May 1st, 1972 to April 30th, 1973

BALANCE AS OF May 1st, 1972 \$ 380.84

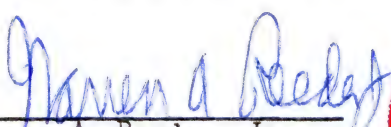
INCOME:

Dues	\$491.00	
Annual Dinner	145.75	
Tour	50.00	
Donations	3.00	
Refund	16.75	
Sale of Newspapers	6.10	
TOTAL		\$ 712.60

EXPENSES:

Postage	\$102.72	
Newsletter	115.31	
Refreshments	18.38	
Hist. Conference	4.00	
Printing	9.25	
Annual Meeting	121.56	
Pictures, Maps, & Books	57.05	
AASLH (dues).	12.50	
Bus Tour	99.00	
Letterheads	41.50	
Telephone84	
Advertising sign	15.62	
Books with membership	78.00	
Refunds	5.00	
Constitutional Amendment	17.50	
File Corporate Report	1.00	
"Hammond" sign removal	2.50	
TOTAL		\$ 701.73

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1973 \$ 391.71



Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Treasurer



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James Whitcomb Riley

Hammond Historical Society

13th ANNUAL MEETING

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
13th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 15, 1973 6:30 p.m.

First United Lutheran Church
6705 Hohman Avenue
Hammond, Indiana

WELCOME Mrs. Nina Cravens
INVOCATION Rev. Albert Swasko
DINNER Catered
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of May 16, 1972
Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report
Mr. Warren Reeder, Jr., Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee
Mr. Edward B. Hayward, Chairman

President's Annual Report
Mrs. Nina Cravens, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE . . Mrs. Florence Cleveland
Mr. Ray Williams Miss Mary Burhans
Mr. Joe Hirsch Mrs. Gladys Hays
Mr. Robert Wilhelm

HISTORY OF 1st UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH. . .
Rev. Albert Swasko

SPEAKER Dr. George E. Davis
"James Whitcomb Riley"

ADJOURNMENT

OFFICERS 1972 - 1973

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President Mrs. Nina Cravens
1st Vice President Mr. Derril Reed
2nd Vice President Miss Helen Hogue
3rd Vice President Mrs. Ray Williams
Secretary Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer Mr. Warren Reeder

DIRECTORS

Mr. Norman Allen	Mrs. Edward Hayward
Miss Florence Allman	Miss Charlotte Kasten
Miss Fern Arnold	Mr. Kurt Marx
Miss Georgia Barnett	Mr. Edward C. Minas, III
Mrs. Alice Brooks	Mrs. Stella Miner
Mr. Eugene Chlebowsky	Mrs. Lida Owens
Miss Alice Fuzy	Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mr. Donald Gavit	Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Mrs. Conchetta Geis	Mr. Robert Wilhelm
Mrs. Gladys Hays	Mr. Harry Wilson

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John F. Wilhelm	1959-60
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	1960-61
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	1961-62
Mrs. Vincent Bower	1962-63
Mr. George Nelson	1963-64
Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased)	1964-65
Mrs. Mary Peters	1965-66
Mrs. Harry Wilson	1966-67
Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased)	1967-68
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	1968-69
Miss Marjorie Sohl	1969-70
Mr. Gordon Whitney	1970-71
Mr. Verlyn Mack	1971-72

THE TIMES
Sunday, May 6, 1973



DR. GEORGE DAVIS
... on Riley works

Dr. Davis To Speak

HAMMOND—Dr. George E. Davis, executive director of the Indiana State Commission on the Aging and Aged, will address the annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society on May 15.

The 6:30 p.m. dinner will be in the social center of First United Lutheran Church, 6705 Hohman Ave.

Dr. Davis, professor emeritus of adult education at Purdue University Lafayette Campus, will speak on James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet.

He has studied the life and works of Riley and is known for his interpretations of Riley's poems.

Rev. Albert Swasko, the pastor, will give a history of the First United Lutheran Church.

Marjorie Sohl, secretary of the historical society, said the dinner-meeting will be public. Reservations are being made with her in the Main Public Library, 566 State St. Deadline is May 11.

THE TIMES
Friday, May 18, 1973

HISTORICAL UNIT ELECTS

HAMMOND—The Hammond Historical Society elected Mrs. Ray T. Williams president at its 13th annual banquet.

Marjorie Sohl and Warren Reeder were reelected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

New directors are Mrs. Grace Mack, Mrs. Marie Wilhelm, Mrs. Alice Brooks, Henry Fahlberg, Willard Jonas and Donald Backe.

The banquet was held in First United Lutheran Church in Hammond where the Rev. Albert Swasko presented a history of the church.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thirteenth Annual Dinner
Tuesday, May 15, 1973

FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
6705 Hohman Avenue
Hammond, Indiana

6:30 p.m.

Donation \$3.75

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TOUR - JUNE 17, 1973

Thirty-three members and friends of the Hammond Historical Society met at the Board of Education Building at Waltham and Hohman at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 17, 1973 to go by bus to Porter County for its annual bus tour. The bus went to Valparaiso where we picked up our guides for the day, Marion Isaacs and Norris Combs. They guided us east on Route 30 to State Road 49 where we proceeded south on the "Old Trail South" across the "Big Divide", the point at which the waters flow north to Lake Michigan and south to the Gulf. We passed the point of Morgan, the oldest settlement in Porter County. We toured over the old and new Kankakee Rivers and visited the sight of Ft. Kankakee, having the probable remains of the land fortifications indicated with the accompanying drawing. The tour ended at the Stage Coach Inn in Hebron where Mr. Alyea talked to the group on his family's project of restoring the Stage Coach Inn as a memorial to his son Donald who died in the service in World War II. It had been a stopping off place on the route from South Bend to Kankakee, built in 1849 of the old "Salt Box" construction.

Marion Isaacs presented Warren Reeder with a copy of his book, "Kankakee River of History" and the tour proceeded back to Hammond via I-65 and the Borman Expressway.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR RESERVATIONS
JUNE 17, 1973

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| 1. Warren Reeder \$1.50 | 29. Mary Buch \$1.50 pd. |
| 2. Norris Combs | 30. Mrs. Cravens 1.50 pd. |
| 3. Marion Isaacs | 31. } |
| 4. Vincent V. Smith } 3.00 pd. | 32. } George Nelson (3) \$4.50 pd. |
| 5. John Smith } | 33. } |
| 6. Marge Sohl 1.50 pd. | 34. } Isabelle Webb (3) \$4.50 pd. |
| 7. Lida Owen 1.50 pd. | 35. } |
| 8. Mrs. Marion Isaacs | 36. } |
| 9. Charlotte Kasten 1.50 pd. | 37. Roy Duke 1.50 pd. \$10 dues Mr. + Mrs. |
| 10. Norman Allen } \$3.00 pd. | 38. |
| 11. # friend } | 39. |
| 12. Florence Miller \$1.50 + \$5.00 dues | 40. _____ |
| 13. Joseph Prekarczyk \$1.50 pd. | 41. |
| 14. } Theodore Shatkowski 3.00 pd. | 42. |
| 15. } 5.00 dues | 43. |
| 16. } | 44. |
| 17. } Roland Clark \$3.00 pd. | 45. |
| 18. } \$4.50 pd. | 46. |
| 19. Mrs. Williams 1.50 pd. | 47. |
| 20. } Kurt Marx \$3.00 | 48. |
| 21. } | 49. |
| 22. } Mr. + Mrs. Ed Hayward 3.00 pd. | 50. |
| 23. } | 51. |
| 24. } Mrs. Geis + daughter 3.00 pd. | 52. |
| 25. } | 53. |
| 26. } \$3.00 pd. | 54. |
| 27. } Harry Black \$4.50 pd. | 55. |
| 28. } | 56. |

Mary Peters - Dues \$5.00

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, July 17, 1973

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at the Hammond Public Library at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 1973. Fifteen members were present. President Mrs. Ray Williams presided.

Warren Reeder reported a balance of \$632.51 in the treasury. He reported on a successful bus tour in June to the Kankakee River and over in to Porter County.

A discussion of the committees needed for the year brought the suggestion we have a calling committee to remind people of each meeting and that the calling committee be equipped with a list of people who are willing to pick up riders to the meeting. Mrs. Williams will appoint such a committee. Previous procedures were suggested to have the last three presidents serve as the nominating committee, consequently, Mrs. Nina Cravens, Verlyn Mack, and Gordon Whitney were named. Some discussion was held of suggestions for places to go on future bus tours. Suggested were:

1. Galena, Illinois
2. South Bend Court House and Museum
3. LaPorte County Museum
4. Michigan City Light House
5. Boat trip on the Calumet River.

Mr. Derril Reed was appointed to investigate tour possibilities.

Dates for the meetings this year were selected in accordance with the preferences indicated on the questionnaire sent out the end of last year, two evening meetings on Tuesday nights and two Sunday afternoon meetings:

- Tuesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 11, 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 14, 2:30 p.m. (P.S. - This is Easter!)
- Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- Sunday, June Bus Tour.

Warren Reeder suggested we consider contacting Clem Silvestra from the Chicago Historical Society as a speaker for the Annual Meeting. He ran a candy store on State Street, collected trivia and has a slide presentation. Mr. Davis who was to have been our speaker last year when he became ill is now feeling better but his wife is now ill.

Other program suggestions included:

1. Hammond Family - Alice Brooks and Florence Cleveland
2. Minas Family - Willard Minas is now retired and free.
3. Wayne McCullough, Works Manager of the American Steel Foundries.
4. Beatty Machine Company
5. Carley Movers
6. Ernie Summers

7. Derril Reed to interview Walt Millikan
8. Ruth Whitman
9. Mr. Wilhelm on the Calumet River
10. Clarence Meyer on the Botanical Gardens.
 "Herbist" by his father Joe Meyer
 A new book on gambling coming out soon.

Other suggestions which came forth for the promotion of membership included:

1. Appoint a membership committee to concentrate on getting new members.
2. Put an ad. in the paper regularly offering a free book with a membership.
3. Have a publicity committee to write stories and see that they get in the Times.
4. Have membership applications readily available.
5. Encourage clubs to sell memberships for us as a money making project for themselves offering them \$2.50 for each \$5.00 membership sold. Church Senior Citizens Clubs are a possibility for this activity.
6. Add some senior citizens membership lists to the Historical Society mailing list for the Bulletin in order to get the group bulk rate on postage.
7. Publish the list of future meetings in the Bulletin.

A letter was read from the Ball State University making a photographic appeal for a hundred famous houses in Indiana. Local houses suggested included the Towle House on Ogden, the Betz House on Hohman, L. Cosby Bernard house, E.C. Minas House, and the Zachau House on Wildwood Road. The letter was given to Warren Reeder to consider and answer.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, July 17, 1973
ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Ray Williams
Derril Reed
Helen Hogue
Marjorie Sohl
Warren Reeder
Fern Arnold
Donald Gavit
Ruth Whitman
Kurt Marx
Donald Backe
Lida Owen
Willard Janas
John Wilhelm
Florence Cleveland
Alice Brooks
Mrs. Robert Wilhelm

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 9, 1973

The first meeting of the new year of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday evening, October 9, 1973 at the Hammond Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Thirty-six signed the attendance sheet. Warren Reeder presided in the absence of Mrs. Williams who is ill. He reported \$594.24 in the treasury. He called for the introduction of new members or visitors attending.

Mr. Wilhelm gave a detailed report on the progress so far on state-wide plans for the 1976 Bicentennial of the American Revolution. He showed silver and bronze medallions being sold by the banks to help finance the celebration state-wide. He mentioned several other programming plans being considered and challenged us to consider what we could do locally. Two local projects in progress are the Avenue of Flags and the Little Red Schoolhouse in Hessville.

Warren Reeder announced the next meeting will be a Sunday afternoon meeting, Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at which Harry Black will show slides and speak on "A quest for the truth--a search for the Lost Dutchman Coal Mine."

The program today was a presentation of the film "Giants And The Common Man," a NEC film presenting the stories behind some of the "greats and not-so-greats" buried in Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. Some of the stories presented included names like John Kinzie, William Hulbert, George Pullman, Benjamin Hutchinson, Louis Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Potter Palmer, Alan Pinkerton, John Jones, Jack Johnson, John Altgeld, and Charles Darrow.

Refreshments were served, pictures on display examined, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 9, 1973
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Donald F. Backe	844 - 169th Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Fred Smith	7040 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Harry G. Black	7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing, Ill.
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Joseph M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Elfreda Boch	4738 Johnson Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. A.J. Paschen (Esther)	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Mrs. Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Theodore J. Shatkowski (Helen)	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Theodore J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Constance E. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Delbert L. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Wilma Malone	7830 Mount Street, Merrillville, Ind.
Ann M. Owen	Griffith, Ind.
John F. Wilhelm	
Warren Reeder	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 11, 1973

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, November 11, 1973 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library. Mrs. Leona Williams presided. Fifty people signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the October 9, 1973 meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Williams introduced the speaker for the day, Harry Black of 7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond. He is a member of the Society who has as a hobby for many years been interested in the search for the Lost Dutchman gold mine in Arizona. He presented a little historical information on the mine which dates from the early 1700's when the Peralta family discovered it while exploring in Arizona some forty miles east of Phoenix in the Superstition Mountains. In the mid-1800's the area was in the possession of the Apache Indians. In the early 1900's prospectors found some \$18,000 worth of gold dropped on the canyon floor which spurred on the tale of the mine and the hopes of the prospectors. Jacob Waltz claimed to have found descendants of the Peralta family in Northern Mexico, he helped them mine for gold and he obtained from them the possession of the mine. In 1891 he died leaving only clues, which modern day explorers, including our speaker Mr. Black, have attempted to interpret and follow, all so far without success.

Mr. Black presented a series of slides which he has taken during eleven trips to Arizona while following up the various clues he has uncovered in his years of study and research of the literature about the mine. He set the scene with slides of famous western ghost towns like Copper Creek, Tombstone, and Boot Hill and Indian dwellings in the area in cliffs and adobe structures. He showed pictures of four different stone maps which have been the source of various interpretations of pointing the direction of the mine in the Superstition Mountains. Much of the interpretation of clues seems to center around determining the dates of the markings and separating Indian hieroglyphics from Spanish explorers marks. The mine is said to exist within a five mile radius of the Weaver's Needle, a 4500 foot high peak on the west end of the Superstition Mountains. This is the area of the most concentrated searches and also the most violent deaths among the prospectors. The tale goes that when the moon shines through the hole of the Weaver's Needle, it will shine on the spot of the location of the mine.

Mr. Black concluded by saying that he is just finishing writing a book about how he got interested in the mine and on his experiences of the search for the mine. His conclusion is that it is all a big hoax and that there is no gold in the mine, but only in the books to be written about the search for it. He hopes to get some of that kind of gold. He answered questions and recommended the two books on the mine to be found in the Hammond Public Library: Lost Dutchman Mine, by Sims Ely, and Killer Mountains, by Curt Gentry.

The next meeting was announced for Tuesday evening, March 12, 1974. Refreshments were served during a social hour which followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 11, 1973
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mrs. Nelda Humpfer	237 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Mrs. Olga Ballah	719 Spruce Street, Hammond
Mrs. Helen Hecht	7434 Beech Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Elsie Friederice	231 Humpfer Street, Hammond
Mrs. Louise Kain	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. George Thegze	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Mrs. G. W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Miss Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Ave, Apt. 14, Highland
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Mary Jane Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Street, Hammond
Pauline Kish	5727 Columbia Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
H. W. Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Jill Black	6927 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Myron and Barbara Black	6727 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Harry Black	7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Frank Rosko	1242 - 35th Street, Munster
Mrs. William & Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Carr	2839 Gibson Place, Hammond
Charlie Pearson	939 - 28th Avenue, East Gary, Ind.
Sherry Armstrong	5522 Walsh Avenue, East Chicago, Ind.
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Avenue, Hammond
Joseph M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. V. R. Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. E. Miner (Stella Breyfogle)	8254 Northcote Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Mrs. Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Delbert & Constance Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	
Marjorie Sohl	

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THE TIMES

Tuesday, March 12, 1974



DR. CARL ELLIOTT
...speaker

Elliott To Speak

HAMMOND — Dr. Carl H. Elliott, chancellor of the Purdue University Calumet Campus, will address the Hammond Historical Society tonight during a meeting in the Main Public Library.

The session will begin at 7:30. Dr. Elliott will talk on "Legends And Lore Of The Calumet Region."

Mrs. Leona Williams, president of the society, will preside.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY Tuesday, March 12, 1974

The Hammond Historical Society met on Tuesday, March 12, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library. Warren Reeder presided. The minutes of the November 11, 1973 meeting were read and accepted. Thirty-five signed the attendance sheet. The next meeting was announced to be on Sunday, April 21, 1974 at 2:30 p.m. at the library. The speaker will be Mary Lou Vanderlaan of Crown Point speaking on the Indians and Indian trails of Lake County. The annual dinner will be Tuesday, May 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Columbia Avenue in Munster. Warren Reeder reminded those present of the publications of the Society that are still available for sale and spoke briefly about the new publication being planned--the 1889-90 city directory which is unique because the census bureau does not even have this information since their records of the 1890 census were burned.

The speaker of the evening was introduced, Dr. Carl Elliott, a native of Columbus, Indiana, a graduate of both Indiana University and Purdue University with a Doctorate in Industrial Psychology. He spoke on his avocation, "Legends and Lore of the Calumet Region." His interest in industrial psychology which is essentially social psychology led to his collecting of interesting stories about the area and the development of an appreciation of what the area is all about. Lake County was born in corruption in that it is territory which was "stolen" from Illinois and Michigan in the dividing up of the Northwest Territory. No one cared much then. It was only an area of passage--"swampy and impenetrable portage area populated with trappers. Not even the Indians settled in it for very long. It was a natural setting for the later Bailly saga, the first fur trading post in the early 1800's by a man of French descent married to a part Indian girl. Theirs was a hard life studded by tragedy. It was the mid-eighteen hundreds before the Hammond area began to be settled and almost the turn of the century before Hammond was established as a railroad center and anything of significance happened here. In the 1890's the petroleum geologists hit the Lima Pool, a pool of sour crude oil on the Indiana-Ohio line. John Rockefeller determined to refine it into kerosine and sell it on the Chicago market. He was able to convince Mr. Schragg to sell him land at the Whiting Junction for a refinery and in 1896 they found the process for refining that sour crude.

The building boom after the Chicago fire helped the locating and establishment of the steel mills at the mouth of the Calumet River. Gary developed as a company town and Hodgekiss and Blocks were instrumental in the development of East Chicago. Glen Peters and Charles Bomberger who were brought here as young lawyers to work on the swamp back cases were Mr. Elliott's sources of oral history of this development.

At the beginning of the 20th century, the rapidly growing cities were almost completely shut off from the rest of Indiana. The demand for heavy labor requirements brought waves of immigrants, poor with low education levels and almost all Catholic to join the French Catholics already here. It was not until in the 1920's when the Kankakee swamp was drained that there became much intercourse with the rest of the state. After the swamp was gone, the wild game and resort like character of the area was also gone. Also, then the black,

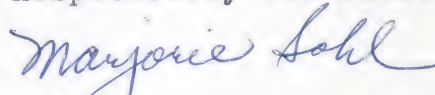
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rural southerners, Mexican and Puerto Rican moved in to further complicate the assimilation problem. The study of the names of the area reflects these varied backgrounds.

In the question and answer period which followed Dr. Elliott's comments, he talked about the legend of the Calumet--the pipe smoking that took place here. Since tobacco was not indigenous to the area and marihuana was, it is very likely that our early fathers here were smoking pot. Various sources refer to their euphoria after smoking the pipe (the Calumet).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. followed by a social hour and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, March 12, 1974
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Carl H. Elliott	7034 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. George W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Donald F. Backe	844 - 169th Street, Hammond
Rudolph Todd	8222 Howard Avenue, Munster
Norman Allen	7307 Barine Parkway, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Harry G. Black	7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Tom McKinney	333 Clyde Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois
John Carter	912 North Lafayette Street, Griffith
Rosemary W. Colby	37 Kenwood Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Highland
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Shirley Rincon	8844 - 5th Street, Highland
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Mary Lou Gray	9208 Johnston Street, Highland
Gerald A. Clarke	4524 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Street, Lansing
Bob Hawkins	4744 Torrence Blvd, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1974

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 21, 1974 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library. Warren Reeder presided. He announced the annual meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Columbia and Ridgeway in Munster. It will be \$5.00 per plate. The speaker will be Mr. Clemant Silvestro telling about and showing slides of his recent trip to the Museum Treasures of the Soviet Union. Warren reported \$634.89 in the treasury. The minutes of the March 12, 1974 meeting were read and accepted. 49 signed the attendance sheet.

The speaker of the day was Mary Lou Vanderlaan of Crown Point, talking about the Indians and Indian Trails of the Calumet Area. Using a reproduction of the oldest map of the area that she knew of, one from 1824, she took us on an imaginary trip from the Kankakee River to Lake Michigan thru the four seasons. She pictured for us the abundant wild life, the foul and the plant life prevalent here at that time. From her large basket she kept pulling artifacts which she has collected from this area of the Indian tools made of stone and leather and wood and canine teeth and woven grass. She spoke of their food found around them growing wild and their preservation by drying and burying; their jewelry of corn and porcupine quills, pearls and snails; their paint and make-up; and their botanical gardens. She read a piece on the smoking of the Calumet or the peace pipe to send their voices to God on the smoke. She indicated Bailly Town was a sacred area and kept the peace around here. One could tell where the Indians were from by the color of the flint in the arrows they used.

Mrs. Vanderlaan answered questions from the audience. Mr. Joe Plovich was introduced as a visitor from Calumet City who was interested in starting a historical society there. The meeting adjourned at 3:45. Refreshments were served during the social hour which followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1974
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alma Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Street, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. J. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Laurel Jackson	535 Logan Drive, Hammond
Maxine R. Sloan	4334 Columbia Avenue, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Mary Lou Vanderlaan	920 Merrillville Road, Crown Point
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Apt. 5, Munster
Mrs. Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Mrs. D. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Joe Plovich	27 - 163rd Street, Calumet City, Illinois
Don Vonderheid	642 Water Street, Hobart,
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Avenue, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hamond
Mrs. Clarence Marks	3050 - 163rd Place, Hammond
Mr. Clarence Marks	3050 - 163rd Place, Hammond
Barbara Pszczola	4121 Johnson Avenue, Hammond
Marla Major & Joe	1512 Oriole Drive, Munster
Roger Rodeck	7116 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Charles O Pearson	939 East 28th Street, East Gary
Harry G. Black=	7406 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Delbert Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Constance E. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Highland
Ruth Whitman	3003 = 97th Place, Highland
Gerald A. Clarke	4524 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing, Illinois
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Pam Michel	234 Briar Lane, Munster
Jane Michel	234 Briar Lane, Munster
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Lois W. Ogren	26 - 169th Street, Hammond
Berthal Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1974

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 14, 1974 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 8225 Columbia Avenue, Munster. Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. by the women of the church after a welcome from Vice President Derril Reed and the invocation by Rev. Luther Russert.

At the business meeting, the minutes of the annual meeting on May 15, 1973 were read and approved. The attendance sheet was signed by fifty-one. The treasurer reported a balance of 629.68, a substantial increase due primarily to increased numbers paying dues. Mr. John Wilhelm presented the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President - Kurt Marx
1st Vice President - Miss Fern Arnold
2nd Vice President - Miss Helen Hogue
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Warren Reeder

DIRECTORS - Term expiring May, 1978
Mr. Donald Gavit
Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Mrs. Edward Hayward
Mr. H. J. Geiger
Miss Florence Miller

Director - Unexpired term to May, 1975 for Kurt Marx
Miss Eleanor Sulcer

There were no further nominations from the floor so the slate was declared elected unanimously.

Derril Reed read Mrs. Williams' annual report summarizing the years programs, commenting favorably on the plan of alternating evening and Sunday meetings. Two publications are in the process of getting printed. The membership has increased to nearly 200.

Acknowledgement was made and thanks extended to Lillian Jefchak of the Hammond Public Library staff for her artistic design of the programs for the last several years and especially for the program this year setting the atmosphere for the featured speaker. Announcements were made concerning the sale of books from the literature table and the acceptance of dues after the meeting.

Mrs. Alice Brooks conducted the memorial service for the members deceased during the past year: Anthony Betustak, Kenneth Bridegroom, Mrs. Karl Faulstich, Mrs. Mame Mashino, Rae Royce, Cerilla Saylor and Melvin Zachau. Roses were presented by Mrs. John Wilhelm, Edward Hayward, Ruth Hayward, Florence Cleveland, Nina Cravens, Fern Arnold, and Helen Hogue.

Rev. Luther Russert summarized the history of St. Paul's Lutheran Church as dating from an early attempt to establish in 1871 but which was abandoned until 1878 when a visiting pastor from Tolliston led to the establishment of St. Paul's in 1882. Since then it has flourished and assisted in the establishment of churches in Calumet City (St. Johns), the north side (St. Johns), Hessville (Concordia), and off shoots of Trinity and First United in Hammond. The building at 215 Clinton was built in 1903 for \$30,000. The church had a deep interest in parochial education and started a school four year after its organization. The building north of Hammond High School was built in 1920. Twelve pastors have served St. Paul's. Outstanding have been Dr. Dowel who was pastor when the church was built. He left in 1905 to be a professor at Concordia College and then President of Valparaiso University. Dr. Walter Lichtsinn came in 1918 and served until his retirement in 1972. During his service here he also served as president of the Lutheran church in Indiana and Ohio, and as Vice President of the National body, the Missouri Synod. The church now has 2000 members and in addition to the church on Clinton and the school on Erie, it now has the chapel and offices and program center on Columbia where we are meeting. Plans are developing for the sale of these three facilities and the development of a large center to include all services in Munster, south of Ridge Road and west of Calumet Avenue.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Clement M. Silvestro, Director of the Chicago Historical Society. He recently returned from a three week tour of the Museums of the Soviet Union in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Tbilisi. It was a part of the cultural exchange agreement signed in 1972. Mr. Silvestro was one of four United States museum directors to tour Russia while four Russians toured the United States. Mr. Silvestro showed slides taken while on his tour as he commented on his observations. Moscow was an impressive cosmopolitan city of seven million people. It had good public transportation, few private cars or garages, many poorly constructed apartment buildings full of small two room apartments. The University overlooks the city from the heights, and is housed in one huge building. It is tuition free to those selected by examinations to attend. Graduates are obliged to give two years of service to the state. Very comfortable accommodations were provided the travelers in the new 5000 room Russia Hotel which would be rated about 3rd class by our standards. Throughout Russia, ancient monuments and buildings are being restored, as St. Basil's on Red Square. The government budget for historic preservation must be fantastic. They were greeted and entertained by cultural representatives with whom they wanted to talk shop and talk of exhibit exchanges, but it was difficult to get them to be specific. The language barrier was formidable. At receptions they were always served coffee, brandy, cookies and candy. Women hold many key positions in Russia. The Kremlin has been open to visitors since 1953. The Cathedrals of Arch Angels, Annunciation, Assumption, and Ordination are architecturally beautiful. The 18th and 19th century palaces, the present governmental building and the newest of the performing arts, have architecture neither innovative nor original. They visited and observed an active parish church, attended primarily by women. Photographs were not permitted in some of the museums so purchased slides had to be used. Examples of Russian art were shown. Some were included in the Russian exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute last year. A side trip to Zagorst, 35 miles outside of Moscow, revealed a rural, primitive life and heavy truck traffic right outside of Moscow.

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(Tiflis) Leningrad (formerly St. Petersburg) is the home of many great museums, especially the Hermitage, the largest and best known with 3½ million visitors a year. It would take 11 years to visit all the rooms, so three visits was a mere glimpse at its collections and work of research and restoration. Kiev was almost entirely destroyed during the war and almost all rebuilt. It has the Museum of Russian Art and the Ukrainian Museum of Applied Art with a famous numismatic collection. In Tbilisi in Georgia on the Ural River, the people are more like Greeks and Italians and they experienced Georgian hospitality. The exhibits are good but not sophisticated in arrangement. Their museums are popular, but technically lag behind ours. The Soviet people are proud of their heritage. When you visit the Soviet, you must go there on their terms and expect to be herded around by the Intourist system to see only what they want you to see.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



The Hammond Historical Society

260 - 165th STREET
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

FINANCIAL REPORT, May 1, 1973 - April 30, 1974

Balance as of May 1, 1973 \$ 391.71

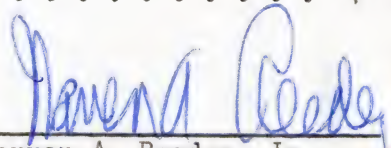
INCOME:

Dues	\$764.00	
Annual Tour	45.00	
Annual Dinner	221.25	
Donation	2.00	
TOTAL		\$1,032.25

EXPENSES:

Postage 1 . . .	\$ 101.00	
Newsletter	187.03	
Refreshments	17.51	
Annual Dinner	155.20	
Annual Tour	65.00	
New Membership Gifts	84.00	
A. A. S. L. H. (Dues)	12.50	
Office Supplies & Printing . . .	121.59	
Donations:		
Stagecoach Room	10.00	
Christian Fellowship Church	5.00	
Advertising	7.50	
Indiana Historical Society (reserva- tion)	6.00	
New Member Expenses	5.00	
Sec. of State (file corporate report)	10.00	
Miscellaneous	6.95	
TOTAL		\$ 794.28

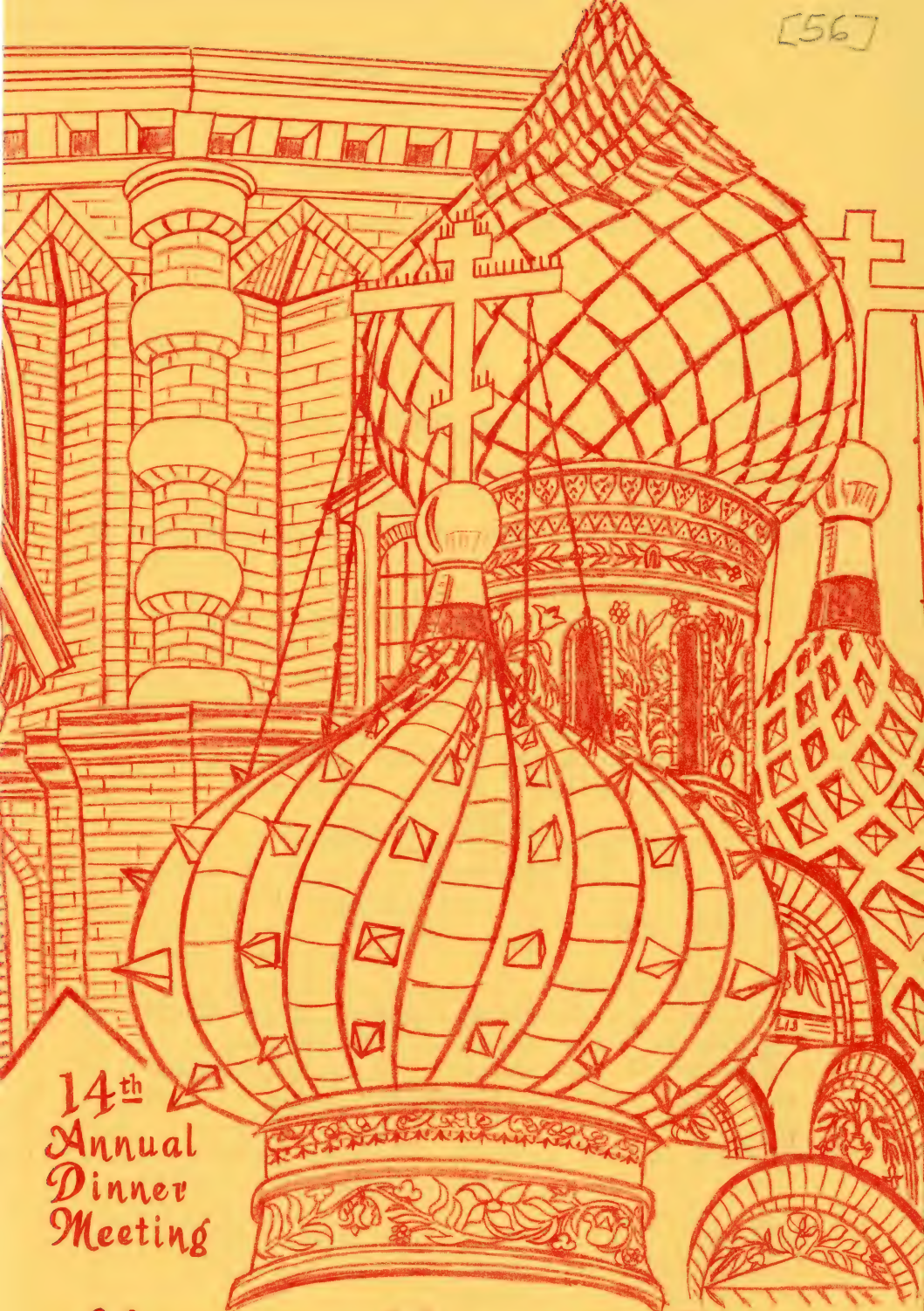
Balance as of April 30, 1974 \$ 629.68


Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Treasurer



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1974
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Joyce Ann Sovinski	6331 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Rev. Luther E. Russert	50 - 172nd Street, Hammond
Faith Russert	50 - 172nd Street, Hammond
Clement M. Silvestro	524 Forest Hill Road, Lake Forest, Ill.
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Karen Kicho	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rs Street, Lansing
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Fern Garrett	246 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Highland
Mary Ruschlie Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oake Avenue, Munster
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
James M. Turner	5945 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alma Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd, Hammond
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Margaret A. Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Kate Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Louis N. Cook	6944 Osborn Avenue, Hammond
Howard Cook	6926 Osborn Avenue, Hammond
Don Backe	844 - 169th Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Carl A. Huebner	1543 - 170th Street, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Stella B. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Munster
Carole Hepner	262 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Lucia Huebner	1543 - 170th Street, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alpha Sanders	3328 South Manor Drive, Lansing, Ill
Dr. Raymond Sanders	3328 South Manor Drive, Lansing, Ill.
Mary Michielsens	1334 Buffalo Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Betty Langedyk	17400 Burnham Avenue, Lansing, Ill.



14th
Annual
Dinner
Meeting

Hammond Historical Society

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
14th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 14, 1974 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8225 Columbia Avenue
Munster, Indiana

WELCOME Mr. Derril Reed

INVOCATION Rev. Luther E. Russert

DINNER (Served by church women)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of May 15, 1973

Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report

Mr. Warren Reeder, Jr., Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee

Mr. John Wilhelm, Chairman

President's Annual Report

Mr. Derril Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE. . . . Mrs. Alice Brooks
Anthony Betustak Mrs. Mame Mashino
Kenneth Bridegroom Rae Royce
Mrs. Karl Faulstich Cerilla Saylor
Melvin Zachau

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH . .
Rev. Luther E. Russert

SPEAKER. Mr. Clement M. Silvestro
"Historic Treasures of the U.S.S.R.
Museums"

ADJOURNMENT

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OFFICERS 1973 - 1974

President Mrs. Ray Williams

1st Vice President. . . . Mr. Derril Reed

2nd Vice President. . . . Miss Helen Hogue

Secretary Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer Mr. Warren Reeder

DIRECTORS

Mr. Norman Allen	Mrs. Edward Hayward
Miss Florence Allman	Mr. Willard Jonas
Miss Fern Arnold	Miss Charlotte Kasten
Mr. Donald Backe	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
Mrs. Alice Brooks	Mr. Kurt Marx
Mr. Eugene Chlebowski	Mrs. Stella Miner
Mr. Henry Fehlberg	Mrs. Lida Owen
Miss Alice Fuzy	Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mr. Donald Gavitt	Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Mrs. Conchetta Geis	Mrs. Robert Wilhelm

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John F. Wilhelm	1959-60
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	1960-61
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	1961-62
Mrs. Vincent Bower	1962-63
Mr. George Nelson	1963-64
Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased)	1964-65
Mrs. Mary Peters	1965-66
Mrs. Harry Wilson	1966-67
Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased)	1967-68
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	1968-69
Miss Marjorie Sohl	1969-70
Mr. Gordon Whitney	1970-71
Mr. Verlyn Mack	1971-72
Mrs. Nina Cravens	1972-73

COVER:

The Cathedral of Saint Basil the Blessed, which dominates the southern end of Red Square, is unquestionably the most arresting structure in Moscow. Its bulbous, polychrome cupolas, florid scrollwork, and riotously eclectic brickwork give Saint Basil the Blessed an aura of whimsicality that contrasts sharply with the dour austerity of the nearby Kremlin.

THE KREMLIN, by Abraham Ascher.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 6, 1974

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 1974. Kurt Marx, president, presided. The treasurer reported a balance of \$802 with a steady increase in members. New membership blanks are being printed.

The following schedule of meetings for the year was proposed:

Tues. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.	George Schuster, an early mover
Sun. Nov. 24, 2:30 p.m.	John Ahlborn, mover or Robert Stoddard, early railroads.
Sun. Feb. 16, 2:30 p.m.	Show and tell of members.
Tues. March 4, 7:30 p.m.	Gerald Johnson, Sewage disposal
Sun. Apr. 13, 2:30 p.m.	George Pokos, history of Masonry
Tues. May 13, 6:30 p.m.	Annual dinner, Jean Carpenter Social hostess at French Lick.

The possibilities of a fall bus tour were discussed since we did not have one in the spring. September 22 was set as a target date. Suggestions included:

1. GAR Room on the second floor of Chicago Public Library. It was found that this is not open on Sunday but could be considered for a Saturday afternoon tour.
2. Oriental Museum at the University of Chicago and the Oak Woods Cemetary and the Confederate burial section of it.
3. Newbery library and its geneology collection.
4. Trace the old shoreline of the lake. Contour map of the old shorelines at Sandridge Nature Center.

A reserve program suggested was Irene Herlocker who gives a talk on flowers of the area illustrated with slides made by her husband.

It was suggested that the Historical Society take a booth at the International Cultural Festival at the Howard Branch Library on Sept. 7 and 8 to sell books and have applications for membership. Kurt Marx would follow up on this to make arrangements.

Kurt Marx was asked to replace Lida Owen on the telephone committee. Lida Owen passed away recently.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, August 6, 1974
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Apt. 5, Munster
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR
Sunday, September 15, 1974

The Hammond Historical Society went on its annual tour on Sunday, September 15, 1974. Forty-six attended and paid \$1.50 to help defray the rental of the bus.

We drove to Chicago by way of the Chicago Skyway to Stony Island Avenue to the Midway Placide and on to the Oriental Institute. The guide briefed us in the auditorium on what we would see. The collection does not include Chinese or Japanese, but is mostly Egyptology, with smaller collections from Asseria, Babalonia and Iran.

After we left the Oriental Institute, we toured the campus area and stopped at the Fountain of Time done by Leorado Taft at the west end of the Midway. The companion Fountain of Creation at the east end was never completed.

On our return, we stopped at the Oak Wood Cemetary at Cottage Grove and 67th Street, founded in 1853. There we found the grave of Herbert L. Whiting, the man for whom Whiting was named. We also visited the Confederate Monument in the Cemetary where 6000 Confederate soldiers were buried after they died as prisoners here.

We returned by way of South Chicago Avenue, Indianapolis Blvd. and the Indiana Toll Road, arriving back at Waltham and Hohman at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR
Sunday, September 15, 1974
ATTENDANCE

Florence Cleveland
Eleanor Sulcer
Ruth Hayward
Mrs. Frisk
Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Marx
Charlotte Kasten
Marjorie Sohl
Emma Hausknecht
Alice Brooks
Dorothy Biemesderfer
Vincent Smith & guest
Margaret Gunderson
Fern Arnold & guest
Sigrid Stark
Ted Shatkowski & guest
Helen Hogue
Molly Watts
Warren Reeder
John Wilhelm
Lois Ogren

Isabelle Webb & guest
Mary Ruch
Mrs. Kantz
Irene Hammond
Florence Miller
Florence Bond
Mrs. Victor Goodman
Mr. Victor Goodman
Mrs. John Wilhelm
Ann Stevesand
Wilhelmina Holm
Alma Rhode
Marie Wilhelm
Katherine Williams
Naomi Kruger
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas
Nina Cravens
Mrs. Wheeler
Mrs. Andrews
Wanda Seevers

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 22, 1974

The Hammond Historical Society met on Tuesday, October 22, 1974 at the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 7:30 p.m.. Twenty-seven members and visitors signed the attendance sheet. Warren Reeder reported \$979 in the treasury with all bills paid. We now have close to 200 paid memberships. He announced publications on the table were for sale. He has one hardback copy of Powell Moore's history for sale at \$7.50. The next society publication on the Standard Steel Strike of 1919 is at the printers and will be available soon. Warren also announced the library sponsored program scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the library at which Mr. Floyd B. Bolton will speak on how to proceed with researching your family tree and fill out ancestor charts. Anyone interested was invited to attend.

Kurt Marx announced that the speaker scheduled for the evening was George Schuster to talk on his early experiences as a furniture mover. Mr. Schuster suffered a heart attack two weeks ago and is still in the hospital. However, he had a manuscript prepared which Warren Reeder presented and commented upon. Mr. Schuster was born in Muncie, Indiana on April 24, 1897. His family moved to Indiana Harbor in 1902 and to a Black Oak farm in 1904. By 1908 they moved back to Indiana Harbor and in 1910 moved to the area where Purdue University Calumet Campus is now located. In 1912 his father died and he quit school to work in a factory 10 hours a day @ 15¢ per hour. When he was about 20 years old they moved to Hammond where he went into business hauling sand and bricks by horse and wagon. He also hauled coal for Dibos Coal Co. and dug basements for new construction. He also had a contract to haul potatoes, sugar and apples for the A & P stores in Hammond and East Chicago. By 1928 he went into the local and long distance moving of household goods by large moving vans. The early vans had to go equipped with saws and axes to cut down trees on some of the narrow roads for the cross country vans to get through.

Mr. Schuster tried to trace the old Indian Trail from Osborn Street in Hessville near 169th through Hammond. The audience helped construct a roughly drawn map on the black board of the route of this trail as they remembered it--crossing Calumet just south of 165th and crossing Hohman near Kenwood and connecting with the Michigan City Road.

The remainder of Mr. Schuster's manuscript was random places and things he remembered from earlier years and he compared them with today. These items inspired the audience to remembering too.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. for refreshments during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Tuesday, October 22, 1974
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mrs. G.W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Vera Wolf	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Mrs. Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Apt. 5, Munster
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 3C, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Avenue, Hammond
Louise Schroeter	40 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Julianne Collins	6755 Indi Illi Park, Hammond
Ellen M. Collins	6755 Indi Illi Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Highland
G. A. Clarke	4524 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Folta	7732 Hohman Avenue, Munster
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Edward Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 24, 1974

The Hammond Historical Society met at the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, November 24, 1974 at 2:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Twenty-eight signed the attendance sheet. The treasurer reported a balance of \$979.79 with only 13 former members not yet paid up. He called attention to the publications on the table for sale and encouraged use of the newly reprinted membership application blanks.

The first speaker for the day was Mr. John Ahlborn who had owned and operated an early moving business in Hammond. His father started the business in 1910 and about five years later John formed a partnership with him. The earliest buildings were moved on wooden rollers by three men but in 1922 they started moving on wheels. The first house to be moved on wheels was moved from State Street to the southwest corner of Highland and Calumet, housing a veterinarian's business for many years. Mr. Ahlborn explained that they used a three-point loading system so the old, sagging buildings did not crack. They got wheels under a house by using screw jacks, each man turning his screw in unison with the others. They worked at night to keep out of the way of daytime traffic. They would try to line up several houses in a row to move them at once. They moved a couple houses a week until the depression struck and business fell off so badly that they gave up. Mr. Ahlborn then got a job with the city where he worked for 34 years.

The second speaker of the day was Bayless Paddack, the present owner of the Emmerling-Paddack Funeral Chapel. This is the 75th anniversary of the business started by his father-in-law who passed away in 1933. It is his 40th year in the business. Some items from the early ledger give a feeling for the times. John Krost and Nick Emmerling started the business Jan. 1, 1899 with each putting \$1500 into it. In 1899 a funeral cost about \$19.50. The first place of business was at 147 Hohman, the east side of the street between Sibley and State. In four years Emmerling bought out Krost and moved to Sibley, across the street from Mueller's Hardware where he bought hay and oats for the horses. In 1917 they built a new mortuary, the first building planned and built for that purpose, at Clinton and Hohman. They moved in just before the 1918 flu epidemic. In 1931 Bayless Paddack married Nick Emmerling's daughter. When Nick died in 1933, Bayless continued the business. In 1944 they moved the business to its present location at Highland and Hohman, the former Dornfelt-Stewart Funeral Home and before that the J.K. Stinson home. Mr. Paddack has a good sense of humor which is needed to help bear the sad business. He told several funny stories of the practical jokes of which he was always a part.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with light refreshments served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 24, 1974
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Bayless C. Paddock	6231 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Irene M. Hammond	8535 Manor Drive, Munster
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
John E. Sarver	7450 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Rudolph Todd	8222 Howard Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Harrison	16 Highland Street, Hammond
Della Watkins, Mrs. R.L.	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence Avenue, Lansing
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, February 16, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 16, 1975 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hammond Public Library. President Kurt Marx presided. The pledge of allegiance was recited by the 52 members attending. Minutes of the Nov. 24, 1974 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$976.28. He had the four publications of the society for sale. He reported some reproussions have been received of the latest publication on the Pullman Standard Strike. The president reported on the Lake County Historical Society meeting held the previous day. Mary Lou Kieswetter had told of the various bicentennial activities being planned in the area and encouraged support of them. Mr. Wilhelm added comments on the Hammond program under the direction of Mr. Bolby which includes the Little Red School House and the Avenue of Flags. He announced two books that are in the process of being published: one in 1975 on the Standard Oil Company as viewed by a worker and the second in 1976, the 1889-90 Hammond City Directory. It was also reported that the bill before the Indiana Congress to preserve the Lake County Court House had passed the House and had been sent to the Senate where it appeared likely to pass also.

The speaker for the day was introduced by the president. Mr. Pete Smidt talked about the ice cutting industry on Wolf Lake sixty years ago. His father had worked as superintendent of the Knickerbocker Ice Company for about 25 years until he quit in 1910 to go into the fish business. There were four ice houses on Wolf Lake. One was where Daly Hall of Amaizo now stands, one was slightly west of the present location of Angelo's on the Illinois side. The ice storage houses were about 400 by 200 feet with one foot walls filled with saw dust for insulation. The interior was divided into 50 to 75 foot rooms, also with one foot thick walls. They maintained a 50 man crew, working the year around. Many of the workers recruited from Madison Avenue in Chicago stayed in the three boarding houses the company maintained. The men earned about 30¢ to 40¢ a day. His father earned \$145 a month to supervise the ice houses for Knickerbocker in a five state area. There were a couple other ice companies in the business so the competition was keen. Swift's and Haenaal's were also out on the lake competing for the ice. The "early bird" who staked out his claim to a section of ice first got it. They used a regular horse drawn 6 inch plow to mark and cut the ice into 150 pound pieces, 24 inches square and 8 inches thick. The ice would be floated down a channel to the ice house and loaded in the house by means of a pully and elevator. Inside the ice was covered with hay to help preserve it. They loaded about 150 cars a day directly in winter and in summer they filled them with ice from the ice storage houses. Two or three "crops" of ice were cut a season, sometimes as late as March 25. Ice cutting and storing as a business ended about 1918 when it got too expensive to harvest with men and horses after mechanical ways to manufacture ice were developed. In 1910 the Knickerbocker Ice Company sold out to the Consumer Company and that was when his father chose to go into the fish business rather than work for the new owner.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with refreshments. The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margorie Sohl, Secretary

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THE TIMES

Sunday, February 16, 1975

**PETER SMIDT
TALKS TODAY**

HAMMOND — Peter Smidt, restaurateur, will be the speaker during a meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at 2:30 p.m. today in the Hammond Public Library, 566 State St.

Smidt's topic will be "How They Used To Cut Ice On Wolf Lake."

President Kurt Marx said the meeting will be public.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Sunday, February 16, 1975
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
F. Derril Reed	618 - 169th Street, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Esther E. Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Vera Wood	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	221 Adelaide Place, Munster
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Alma Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Katherine Hamilton	Route 1, Box 129B, Schererville,
Marie Chancey	822 Carroll Street, Hammond
Arminta Murray	6423 Crescent Place, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
W. E. Monberg	13 Doty Street, Hammond
Ruth Monberg	13 Doty Street, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mary L. Clark	1608 Springlawn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
W. Weinand	618 Gordon Avenue, Calumet City, Ill.
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Joseph Cielez	4311 Hickory Avenue, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Moor	495 Ingraham Avenue, Calumet City, Ill.
W. C. Couch	6749 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
A. James Cox	4227 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
W. W. Millikan	7331 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Bob Tasket	364 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Ill.
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
E. A. Swakon	7610 Maryland Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Harrison	16 Highland Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Austgen	6713 Arkansas Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Place, Lansing, Ill.
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
John Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, March 18, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library on Tuesday, March 18, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. President Kurt Marx presided. Twenty people signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the February 16, 1975 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer reported \$778.36 on hand and had publications available for sale.

Kurt Marx introduced the speaker, Mr. Gerald Johnson, current Superintendent of the Sanitary District. The history of the Sanitary District as it is organized today goes back only to 1938 when it was organized under City Engineer Clarence Mason. Carl Carpenter was made the first Superintendent. This is the same Mr. Carpenter who was active in the architectural firm of Besozzi, Carpenter and Ignelzi on Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Johnson succeeded him.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that the problems of this area are unique because of the three drainage tables--the lake and the large and small Calumet Rivers. Until 1938, Hammond had only one sewage system which handled both storm and sanitary sewage, none of which was given any treatment. Raw sewage was being dumped into the lake until that time. The Sanitary District began with a 45% PWA grant for waste water treatment. This grant required matching funds from the city. Three pumping stations were established, north, south and east. In the 40's and 50's as the capacity was enlarged, service was extended to surrounding communities: Whiting in 1945, Munster in 1948, Highland in 1958 and Griffith in 1960. Now 180,000 people are served as the budget has increased from \$100,000 in 1943 to \$1,500,000 in 1974. 90% of Hammond's sewers are still combined for it would take millions of dollars to separate them, but all sewage water and some storm water is treated today. The suddenness of our storm water run-off is compounded now by our paved and curbed streets that dump all the water into overworked sewers whenever it rains. When the spill over occurs, the excess loads are bypassed to the river and then flow into the lake untreated.

In the question period, some discussion was held on the phosphate pollution problem. Mr. Johnson said it is not a problem in the moving streams but only in the still waters. The height of the water in the lake determines if the Calumet River flows east or west. Erection of a dam in the ship canal would prevent this change in the flow of the river. He assured the audience that pumps in the system are automatic and turn on by float controls. They do not have to depend on someone being there to turn them on when the time is critical.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, March 18, 1975
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. R. Benoit	1506 Ridge Road, Munster
Mrs. Arlo Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Vera Wood	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Gerald F. Johnson	
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society met in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, April 13, 1975 at 2:30 p.m. President Kurt Marx presided. The minutes of the March 18, 1975 meeting were read and accepted. The roll call sheet indicated 32 present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$772.98. New members who have not yet received their free publication should see Warren Reeder.

Announcement was made concerning the concert of the Hammond High School concert choir tonight at 5 p.m. All are invited.

The speaker for the day, Robert Stoddard, was introduced. He has been a life long railroad fan. His early interest sprang from his father working for the Erie Railroad. He traced the history of the railroads coming to the Hammond area. The early settlers in Indiana came up from the south from the Ohio River but the early railroads came down from the north and east. In 1832 a railroad company in Detroit started to build westward until it reached New Buffalo. It was the forerunner of the Michigan Central in Spring of 1852, and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern in the fall of 1852. The Fort Wayne and Chicago built along the side of the Michigan Southern in 1858. In 1874 the B & O built closer to the lake and in the 1880's the Nickle Plate and Erie came. In 1906 the C & O came and in 1909 the Michigan Central added 2 tracks and finally the IHB came to combine or bridge between six different lines. In the 1930's the N. Y. Central signed a lease with the Michigan Central for the Big 4 to operate over their lines. There were no substantial developments during the 30's to 50's except proposed plans to relocate, all of which fell through. The 55 to 70 era was that of decline of passenger and freight service as truck and air transportation expanded. Railroads merged and in 1968 the Penn Central filed bankruptcy due mainly to mismanagement. The railroads have tried to come back with the formation of Amtrak for passenger service and Autotrak for truck and automobile service. Some feel they should let the government do it, like in Europe, where it has been good for passenger service but not for freight. Amtrak is not showing a profit here. The government was not successful in operating the railroads in wartime and no indication they could do better now. When asked for his ideas on relocation of tracks in Hammond, he felt the B & O in north Hammond should be removed. They could all be routed thru Hammond with overpasses constructed yet at Hohman and Kennedy. The Nickle Plate should be straightened out so it does not cross the other lines in the middle of the street. He claimed the railroads have stopped maintaining tracks because of lack of money. Since 1941 they have been on deferred maintenance plan.

The next meeting, the annual dinner, was announced for Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Robertsdale, and the annual bus tour for June 22. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with the serving of refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, April 13, 1975
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Irene Hammond	8535 Manor Avenue, Munster
Anna Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Wilhelmina Holm	6447 Alexander Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Ethel Andrews	1105 Summer Street, Hammond
Julianne Collins	6755 Indi Illi Park, Hammond
Ellen M. Collins	6755 Indi Illi Park, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
J. M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Apt. 14, Highland
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Theodore J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Gerald A. Clarke	4524 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Ruth D. Whitman	3003-97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, May 13, 1975

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 1845 Stanton Avenue, Whiting, Indiana, on Tuesday, May 13, 1975 at 6:30 p.m. The 75 members and friends attending were welcomed by Kurt Marx. Rev. John Yeager of the host church gave the invocation and all were invited to help themselves at the buffet table catered by Genes. Following the dinner the business meeting dispensed with the reading of the minutes, heard the treasurer report a balance of \$785.95. He announced the four society publications plus Dr. Moore's history which he had available for purchase after the meeting. He announced the two publications of the society that are in the process to be published soon, the History of the Standard Oil Company and the 1889-90 City Directory. He introduced Norris Coombs from the Chesterton Historical Society and the three other guests with him and told of their plans to republish Frances Howe's book The Story of a French Homestead at \$8.50 until June 10 and \$10.50 thereafter. Order blanks for it were also available.

Mr. John Wilhelm presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Fern Arnold
1st Vice President - Helen Hogue
2nd Vice President - Norman Allen
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Warren Reeder

DIRECTORS - Term expiring May, 1979
Mrs. Henry Hoyles
Miss Charlotte Kasten
Miss Eleanor Sulcer
Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mrs. H. E. Miner

DIRECTOR - Unexpired term to May, 1976 for Lida Owen
Mrs. Carl Frisk

There being no further nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate.

The president, Kurt Marx read the attached annual report. Two suggestions for the annual tour were presented: a tour thru Inland Steel on Tuesday, June 17 or a tour to Crete, Illinois, Historical Society on Sunday afternoon, June 22. There was scattered interest in each indicated and announcement of arrangements would be sent out in the next bulletin.

Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted an impressive memorial service for the nine members who died during the past year. The deceased members honored and those presenting a red rose in their memory follows:

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Frank Roth - Helen Hogue
 Martha Wilke - Florence Cleveland
 Lida Owen - Florence Miller
 Louis N. Cook - Fern Arnold
 Mary Maguire - Alice Fuzy
 Russell Prevo - Marie Wilhelm
 Zona Brentlinger - Ruth Hayward
 C.B. Harrison - Ethel Wilhelm
 Georgia Barnett - Marjorie Sohl

Because Rev. John Yeager is fairly new at the host church, he asked Mrs. Fred Hadley to prepare and present the church history for the 85 year old church. She presented a very complete history, a copy of which has been made and placed in the Calumet Room file on the Plymouth Congregational Church.

The guest speaker for the evening was introduced. Miss Margaret Larson from Chesterton spoke on "What I know about the Bailly Family."

The book being republished by the Chesterton Historical Society, The Story of a French Homestead, was written by Frances Howe, a granddaughter of Joseph Bailly and the last of the Bailly family to live in the Bailly Homestead. During that last residency in the Bailly Homestead 1907-1911, Miss Larson's aunt lived in the homestead with Frances Howe and her two daughters and served them as housekeeper. Frances Howe tutored Margaret Larson who was being raised by her aunt. It was from her she got an early appreciation of literature before she started school at the third grade level. She learned much of what she knew about the Bailly family from her aunt. The family lived as a wealthy French family with the home furnished beautifully. The daughters were cultured and educated at Catholic schools in Detroit. The book covers the period of life there to 1895.

Joseph Bailly was the first white settler in Northwestern Indiana. He was French-Canadian coming from near Quebec. His father, Mike, was well educated and lived well as a happy spendthrift. Joseph wanted to go into fur trading. He got along well with the Indians. He and his wife Angelia had four sons and a daughter and were then divorced, even though he was Catholic. He lived singlely for three years and then met Marie LaVere, an Indian with whom he lived in common law marriage for years before he later married her. She brought two daughters, Theresa and Agatha, with her to that marriage. She and Joseph Bailly had four daughters and a son: Esther, Rose, Hortense, Eleanor and Robert, who died at age 10. The second daughter, Rose Victoria Bailly had two daughters, Rose Frances who died in 1879 and Frances Rose, the author of the book. In 1814, Joseph Bailly was established as the chief fur trader of the Michigan territory. In 1822 he decided to bring his family to the area and built a log house, which stood east of the big house. This is now designated as a National landmark and the home is to be restored to the 1900-1915 period. Joseph Bailly lived only a few years after he made his home here. Born in 1774 he died in 1835 at 61, a good age at that time. His home was not yet completed, but he had platted Bailly town and Tremont and had visions of a port where the port now is.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



The Hammond Historical Society

260 - 165th STREET
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

FINANCIAL REPORT, May 1st, 1974 to April 30th, 1975

BALANCE AS OF May 1st, 1974 \$ 629.68

INCOME:

Dues	\$ 855.00
Annual Dinner	250.00
Annual Tour	69.00
Donation80
Newspaper Sales	8.05


TOTAL INCOME: \$ 1,182.85

EXPENSES:

Postage	\$ 124.94
Newsletter	44.28
Refreshments	40.21
Annual Dinner	355.15
Annual Tour	80.00
A.A.S.L.H. (Dues)	12.50
Advertising	11.84
Indiana Culture Festival	10.00
Office Supplies	65.87
Photographic Work	5.79
Secretary of State (file corporate report)	10.00
Membership Gifts	264.25
Miscellaneous	1.75

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 1,026.58

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30th, 1975 \$ 785.95



Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Treasurer



It has been a pleasure and joy to have been president of Hammond Historical Society for 1974 and 1975, I want to thank all those, when called upon, for their wonderful co-operation in making my year a success. I also want to thank those who took the little time out to call the members on their call list. I believe that personal touch always helps, even if it is only by telephone and would like to see it continued.

At our Directors Meeting in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library, programs for our group meetings were worked out. They were as follows:

Tuesday, October 15, 1974 - "EARLY DAYS OF MOVING, FURNITURE, ETC." by GEORGE SCHUSTER
 Sunday, November 24, 1974 - "HOUSEMOVING" by JOHN AHLBORN
 Also - 75 yrs. of the "EMMERLING MORTUARY Business" by Bayless Paddock
 Sunday, February 16, 1975 - AN EARLY HISTORY OF EARLY IVEHOUSES AND ICE CUTTING BY PETER SMIDT
 Tuesday, March 18, 1975 - "SEWAGE DISPOSAL" - it's beginning in Hammond by GERALD JOHNSON
 Sunday, April 13, 1975 - "EARLY RAILROADING IN HAMMOND" by ROBERT STODDARD
 Tuesday, May 13, 1975 - "ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER" - PLY MOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1845 STANTON AVE., HAMMOND. Also Election of Officers and after dinner speaker Miss Margaret Larson on "THE BAILLY FAMILY"

On September 7th and 8th, 1974 we participated in the International Culture Festival by the Howard Branch Library where we sold many of our publications and other miscellaneous items. We also accepted some new members. Not having any shade where our tables were set up, we, Mr. Reeder, his wife and daughter, my wife Elsie and I received a nice Florida sun tan. We also received some good publicity. Channel 5 NBC Chicago had set up a TV camera and was interviewing people involved with the festival. Naturally Warren Reeder was one of them selected to be interviewed. Our venture at this festival proved successful.

We have taken in approximately twenty five (25) new members between May 1974 and May 1975. Counting the members we lost through non-payment of dues and death we show a little gain in membership. The publication "STRIKE" was brought out the latter part of 1974. It covers the strike at the Standard Steel Car Co. - My father was employed there on the freight side at the time. A new publication - "HISTORY OF STANDARD OIL & WHITING" will soon be out, just needing a few finishing touches to complete it.

On September 29, 1975 we took a bus tour to the University of Chicago where we visited the Oriental Institute and saw many items of antiquity. Leaving there we drove to the Oakwood Cemetery in South Chicago where we saw last resting place of Mr. Whiting after whom the city of Whiting was said to have been named.

Again I want to thank all those who helped make my term of president a successful and happy one. I pledge my support to the new officers and will assist them in any way I am able.

Signed

Kurt C. Marx

KURT C. MARX

PRESIDENT 1974-1975

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, May 13, 1975
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Margaret Larson	525 W. Indiana, Chesterton
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Fred N. (Dorothy) Hadley	1542 Warwick Avenue, Whiting
Shirley & Robert Hawkins	8844 - 5th Street, Highland
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Blvd, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Kathryn Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Edward Allen	105 Waltham Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing, Ill.
Dolores Margrabe	78 Regent Street, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Dorothy M. Christopherson	1944 Warwick Avenue, Whiting
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence Street, Lansing, Ill.
Theodore J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Helen D. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Mildred Funk	221 Conkey Street, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Vera Wood	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Mrs. Bruce Avery	2004 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Mrs. Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Leonard Anderson	Box 362, Chesterton, Ind.
Dorothy Groundwater	666½ Wabash Avenue, Chesterton
Norris D. Coams	411 Bowser Avenue, Chesterton
Alice G. Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Kathryn Thegzi	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Louise Kain	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. William Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Irene Hammond	8535 Manor Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Benoit	1506 Ridge Road, Munster
Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Don Backe	7107 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Larry Thwing	1831 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Charles A. Walker	4631 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Louise Oak	2004 Stanton Avenue, Hammond
Marilyn Jordan	1801 Lake Avenue, Whiting
Corene Porter	8659 Manor Drive, Munster
Margaret Harrison	1541 - 119th Street, Whiting

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Tuesday, May 13, 1975
 ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Allison H. Walker	628 Burton Court, Whiting
Margaret Walker (Mrs. A.H.)	628 Burton Court, Whiting
John C. Yeager	1421 Amy Court, Whiting
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Mrs. O.H. Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing
Fern Garrett	246 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Irene Krizman	230 Hollywood Street, Munster
Mrs. Henry E. Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Mrs. Elwyn T. Davies	1603 Calumet Avenue, Whiting
Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Smith	1533 Warwick Street, Whiting
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. George Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 3C, Hammond
J. M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond

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Hammond Historical Society



BAILLY
HOMESTEAD
*15th
Annual
Dinner ~ Meeting*

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
15th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
MAY 13, 1975 6:30 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church
1845 Stanton Avenue
Whiting, Indiana

WELCOME Mr. Kurt Marx

INVOCATION Rev. ^{John}~~Paul~~ Yeager

DINNER (Catered by Gene's)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of May 14, 1974
Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report
Mr. Warren Reeder, Jr., Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee
Mr. John Wilhelm, Chairman

President's Annual Report
Mr. Kurt Marx

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE Mrs. Nina Cravens
Frank C. Roth Mary Maguire
Martha Wilke Russell Prevo
Lida Owen Zona Brentlinger
Louis N. Cook C.B. Harrison
Georgia Barnett

HISTORY OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH . .
Rev. ^{John}~~Paul~~ Yeager

SPEAKER Miss Margaret Larson
"What I Know About the Bailly Family"

ADJOURNMENT

OFFICERS 1974 - 1975

President Mr. Kurt Marx
1st Vice President. Miss Fern Arnold
2nd Vice President Miss Helen Hogue
Secretary Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer Mr. Warren Reeder

DIRECTORS

Mr. Norman Allen	Mr. Willard Jonas
Mr. Donald Backe	Miss Charlotte Kasten
Mrs. Alice Brooks	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
Mr. Eugene Chlebowski	Miss Florence Miller
Mr. Henry Fehlberg	Mrs. H.E. Miner
Miss Alice Fuzy	Mrs. Lida Owen
Mr. Donald Gavitt	Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mr. H.J. Geiger	Miss Eleanor Sulcer
Mrs. Martin W. Geis	Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Mrs. Edward Hayward	Mrs. Robert Wilhelm

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John F. Wilhelm	1959-60
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	1960-61
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	1961-62
Mrs. Vincent Bower	1962-63
Mr. George Nelson	1963-64
Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased)	1964-65
Mrs. Mary Peters	1965-66
Mrs. Harry Wilson	1966-67
Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased)	1967-68
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	1968-69
Miss Marjorie Sohl	1969-70
Mr. Gordon Whitney	1970-71
Mr. Verlyn Mack	1971-72
Mrs. Nina Cravens	1972-73
Mrs. Ray Williams	1973-74

Joseph and Marie Bailly, first white settlers in Northwest Indiana, settled here on the banks of the Little Calumet River in 1821.

Joseph Bailly, a French Canadian fur trader, brought his family here in the heart of the Pottowotomi Country and established a fur trading post, which became a center of trade, culture and religion for the red man, as well as the white man.

Many famous Indian chiefs settled their arguments here with Bailly acting as peacemaker. At least two treaties between the white man and Indians were signed here on the homestead.

The tall oaks along the driveway mark the old Sauk trail. The log cabins and the large timberhouse are the original buildings built by Bailly.

This famous historical landmark is over 150 years old.



ORIGINAL HOME

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR
Tuesday, June 17, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society annual tour was held on Tuesday, June 17, 1975. The bus left from the east parking lot of the Hammond Public Library at 9 a.m. Twenty-four members and friends participated. The bus drove the group to the south entrance of Inland Steel where it picked up Mr. Norris who guided the tour thru the plant. Each guest was outfitted with hard hat and goggles, to visit the basic oxygen furnaces, the rolling mill and the continuous sheet rolling mill, besides the tour of the vast acreage of grounds and made-land in the lake. Hard rain most of the time completed the bleak setting of the mill. The bus returned to the library at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR
Tuesday, June 17, 1975

NAME

Roy Duke
John Sarver and guest
Nina Cravens
Ludolph Todd
Marjorie Sohl
Ellen M. Collins and guest
Mary Ruch
Fern Arnold
Edward B. Hayward
Ruth Hayward
Dana Hayward
Marvin Wheeler
Mrs. Marvin Wheeler
Norman Allen
Warren Reeder
Joseph Banasak
Wanda Seevers
Ann Thure
Helen Hoyles
William Doell
Karen Kicho
John Wilhelm

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS SINCE 2/67

TAPE- SIDE	DATE	NAME	SUBJECT
	3/21/67		Film - "Speedway, the first Indianapolis 500" and "Notable people and events of Indiana. Record & Slides - "This is Hammond."
		Warren Reeder	
	4/11/67		Three minute reminiscences by members.
	5/9/67	Miss Valucia	Folksinger
	6/25/67		Tour to George Ade home near Brook, Indiana.
	10/23/67	Edward B. Hayward	History of Hammond Public Library
	11/28/67	Lester Ottenheimer	Reminiscences
7-1	2/5/68	Charles Bomberger	Early Hammond Lawyers
8-1	3/26/68	David Winthrop Taylor	History of Taylor Chain Company
	5/15/68	Walter Pickart	Footsteps in the corridors behind us.
9-2	6/22/68		50th anniversary memorial service at scene of Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train wreck.
10-2	10/22/68	Henry Schmueser	Hammond's oldest automobile sales and service.
11-2	11/26/68	Joe Hirsch	Personal Reminiscences
12-2	2/4/69	Helen Hogue, Principal, teachers and children	Little Hoosier Historians from Orchard Drive School.
17-1	3/25/69	Karl Huffine	Reminiscences
	5/20/69	H. R. Caniff, Jr.	"The Shape We're In." (Indiana)
	6/29/69	Norris Coombs, guide	Bus tour to East Gary and nearby area.
20-1	9/16/69	G. H. Jacobsen	Reminiscences of his time at the G.H. Hammond Packing Company.
		Warren Reeder	G.H. Hammond and his times.
14-1	11/18/69	Merritt Metz	Reminiscences
22	2/3/70	Gordon Whitney	History of Hammond Fire Dept.
23	3/17/70	Ernst Fischer & Max Behrens	History of Sangebund Fidelia
	5/26/70	George Fleming	General John A. Logan
	7/12/70		Tour of Hammond and environs.
	9/26/70	Tom McKinney	Early auto manufacturers in Indiana and early Hammond dealers.
25	10/31/70	Mayor G. Bertram Smith	Interview on his administration by Warren Reeder, John Wilhelm, Gordon Whitney and Verlyn Mack.
29	11/28/70	Gordon Whitney	G.A.R. and Daughters of the Union Veterans.
30	2/28/71	Gerhard Clausius	Lincoln at Gettysburg
32	3/28/71	Pete Smidt	My father, Phil Smidt
33	4/18/71	John Wilhelm	Dedication of the Art Center as an historical building and history of the Art Association.
34	5/18/71	Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry	Lincoln highlights in Indiana.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS
SINCE 2/67
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TAPE- SIDE	DATE	NAME	SUBJECT
	9/11/71		Sponsored 4th Northern Indiana History Conference jointly with Indiana Historical Society
36	9/11/71	Warren Reeder	Calumet Region Characters.
37	9/11/71	Ray J. Madden	Katyn Forest Massacre
38	9/11/71	Father Dominic Gerlach	St. Joseph's Indian Normal School
38	9/11/71	G. David Koch	Pioneer migration patterns.
39	10/24/71	Clarence J. Huber and Bayless C. Paddock	History of undertaking business in Hammond.
40	11/28/71	Pete Schrum	Schrum Family History.
41	1/30/72	Merrett Metz	History of Masonry in Hammond.
42	2/27/72	William "Jake" Schloer	History of Schloer Shoe Store.
47	3/26/72	Robert Wilhelm	History of Boy Scout Movement in Hammond.
4-2	4/30/72	Betty Philips	History of Hammond Humane Society
5-1	5/15/72	Hubert Hawkins	William Hendricks, Pioneer Politician.
	6/11/72		Tour of Kankakee River area and South Lake County.
7-2	10/15/72	John Phrommer	Grand Calumet River
	11/19/72	Ted Urice, producer	Film - "Heritage of Gary."
8-2	2/11/73	Florence Cleveland and Warren Reeder.	The Calumet Room
51-1	3/18/73	John Krupa	Records of the County Clerks Office.
9-1	4/15/73	Vernon Anderson	His Administration as Mayor, 1948-1955.
10-1	5/15/73	Warren Reeder	Abraham Lincoln and his children.
11-1	6/17/73	Marion Isaacs and Norris Coombs, guides	Tour of Porter County.
	10/9/73		Film - "Giants and the Common Man" (Graceland Cemetery, Chicago)
	11/11/73	Harry Black	Slides and comments - Search for Lost Dutchman gold mine.
12-1	3/12/74	Dr. Carl Elliott	Legends and Lore of the Calumet Region.
15-1	4/21/74	Mary Lou Vanderlaan	Indians and Indian Trails of the Calumet Area.
	5/14/74	Clement M. Silvestro	Slides of Tour of Museums of U.S.S.R.
	9/15/74		Tour to Oriental Institute in Chicago, Chicago University area, Oak Wood Cemetery.
17-2	10/22/74	George Shuster (Read by Warren Reeder)	Early Hammond, 1912-20, personal biography and the moving business.
18-2	11/22/74	John Ahlborn	Early Moving Business.
		Bayless Paddock	Emmerling-Paddock Funeral Home.

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19-2	2/16/75	Pete Smidt	Ice cutting industry on Wolf Lake
58-1	3/18/75	Gerald Johnson	Hammond Sanitary District
20-2	4/13/75	Robert Stoddard	History of Railroads in Hammond from beginning to present.
59-2	5/13/75	Margaret Larson	What I know about the Bailly Family.
	6/17/75		Four of Inland Steel.

ORAL HISTORY TAPES

TAPE- SIDE	DATE	NAME	SUBJECT
1-1,2-1 3-1	4/13/72		Goals for Hammond Public Library Workshop on library services, plans and prospects for Hammond citizens.
1-2	9/27/60	Arthur Weiss	Outstanding characters of the 1910's and '20's.
2-2	11/26/62	Arthur Weiss	Early industry in Hammond (At Calumet Board of Realtors)
3-2	2/68	Little Hoosier Historians	Meeting
4-1	2/68	Fred Dedelow	Early recollections of Hessville in late 1800's at Little Hoosier Historians meeting.
5-2	2/7/69	Dollie Knots Bower, Lida Owen, Margaret Hahlweg Moore, Nina Stanton Cravens	Early Hammond History.
6	2/5/68	Walter Bell	Recollections
13	3/11/69	Charles Meade	Reminiscences - Interview by Warren Reeder
15-2	/66	Inez Becker and Josephine Row	Rimbach Street when they were children.
18-1	3/28/69	James Meade	Conversation with John Wilhelm
19-1	4/11/69	Mayor Joseph Klen, George Eyley, George Carlson, Fred Kreckler, Dr. Z.J. Cornea, Peter Berthold.	Hammond Parks and Recreation Community Improvement.
21	11/12/69	WJOB Program	Hammond Historical Society
24	5/9/70	Alesio Agriesti	Reminiscences.
26	5/24/67	Edward Hayward	Indiana Authors and reviews of We Came Rejoicing and In God We Trust.
27	6/20/66	Edward Hayward	Adult Books.
28	3/4/65	WJOB Program	Routine days weather and news and legislative matters.
31	11/29/60	John Wilhelm	This I Remember
35	11/21/70	C. Lee Crean and Richard Shriver	Mayor's Citizens Advisory Comm.- Workshop on Housing.
43	3/7/72	Rae Royce	Background, cases, history of Hammond, esp. in 1920-30.
44	3/13/72	Mrs. Martha Wilke	Interview by John Wilhelm and Warren Reeder
45	3/22/71	Warren Reeder	History of Calumet Board of Realtors.
46	2/17/72	Donald Gardner	Interview by Warren Reeder on land for Purdue Calumet
48-1	4/19/72	E. F. Hodal	Value of disciplined reading.
49-1	4/22/71	Roscoe Hemstock	Local events in Hammond, 1910-71
49-2	4/22/71	Jack Hemstock	Excerpts and summaries of tapes of son's interview of his father
50	4/11/72	F. Derrill Reed	Talks about his ancestry and '20's in Hammond.

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52-1&2	7/11/73	Charles Delaney	Interview by Warren Reeder
53-1&2	7/10/73	Lynn McCoy	Interview by Warren Reeder
54-1&2	12/21/73	Julius Ebert	Interview by Warren Reeder and John Wilhelm
55-1&2	12/28/73	Hans Petersen	Interview by Warren Reeder and John Wilhelm
56-1	7/74	Floyd Murray	Early pro-football in Hammond
56-2	7/74	Floyd Murray	General reminiscences and Knute Rockne.
57-1&2	7/16/74	William Montgomery, Pete Solon, Frank Pavlick	Interview by Warren Reeder on 1918 Standard Steel Car Strike.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society Board of Directors met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library on Tuesday, July 15, 1975 at 1:30 p.m. The seventeen members on the attached attendance sheet were present. President Fern Arnold presided. She thanked those responsible for arranging last years programs and the most recent tour of Inland Steel for jobs well done.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss dates and programs for the coming year. The following probable meeting dates were established:

Sunday, September 21, 1975
Tuesday, October 14, 1975
Sunday, November 23, 1975
Tuesday, February 17, 1976
Sunday, March 21, 1976
Tuesday, April 13, 1976
Tuesday, May 18, 1976 - Annual Dinner Meeting
Sunday, June 20, 1976 - Annual Tour

The following people and subjects were suggested for program ideas:

1. George Bokos - A history of the Garfield Lodge and Masonry in Hammond. (Kurt Marx)
2. History of the Lincoln Law School, which existed in Hammond in 1910-13. (Helen Hogue)
3. Harold Hagburg - History of craft unions in Hammond, esp. electrical. (John Wilhelm)
4. Early women's organizations. (John Wilhelm)
5. History of early dance studios, as Keanes. (Fern Arnold)
6. Ralston Miller - Early radio and Prohibitionists. (John Wilhelm)
7. Donald Gavit Family. (John Wilhelm)
8. Fred Meyer and the bottling company. (John Wilhelm)
9. Betz Family
10. Identify the residents of houses along Hohman Avenue south from Williams Street. (Alice Brooks)
11. Mrs. Miner's pies! (John Wilhelm)
12. Traveling exhibit of local history for the schools. (George Nelson)
13. Robert Heinze and additions to the Standard Oil History publication. (John Wilhelm)
14. Archie Spoerner - Early professional football. (John Wilhelm)
15. Mr. Ciesar, Whiting - First professional basketball league. (John Wilhelm)
16. Gluth's Consumer Roofing. (Kurt Marx)
17. P.H. Mueller Hardware. (Warren Reeder)
18. Eddie Nelson. (Ruth Whitman)
19. Crete or Steeger for tour. (Warren Reeder)

Fern Arnold suggested that for a better informed and more conscious membership, the board consider distribution to each member a list of names and addresses of all members and, as soon as the programs for the year can be confirmed, a one sheet list of the plans for the year. She asked the courtesy committee from last year to continue to function with an updated list. Anyone not able or wishing to continue to serve could be replaced. The majority agreed that it helped attendance.

Warren Reeder reported that we had not requested a space at the Lake County Fair this year but were looking forward to next year for the Bicentennial.

Volunteers were requested to serve some time at the Historical Society booth at the International Cultural Festival, Sept. 6-7. Eleanor Sulcer, Kurt Marx and Warren Reeder indicated a willingness to serve.

Warren Reeder suggested place mats with promotional information about the Society was one idea that other societies have tried. He suggested we might ask Lillian Jefchak to design something for us. Florence Miller encouraged completion of it by the Nov. 15th International Women's Year all-day workshop at Purdue Calumet and that we ask them to use the place mats that day.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl".

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1975
ATTENDANCE

NAMEADDRESS

Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H.E. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Hammond Munster
Mrs. Alton A. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Donald E. Gavit	422 Waltham Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, September 21, 1975

The first meeting of the fifteenth year of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Fern Arnold, at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 1975 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. A treasurers report indicated a balance of \$962.97. An attendance sheet was passed indicating 45 present.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. V. E. Iliff, president of the Hessville Historical Society and Mr. John W. Bowlby, Chairman of Hammond's Bicentennial Committee in which they were asking the Hammond Historical Society to join with them in setting up a permanent organization to form guidelines for the use and operation of the Little Red Schoolhouse. Miss Arnold had named a committee of Edward Hayward, John Wilhelm, and Warren Reeder. They met with the representatives of the two organizations. Mr. Hayward reported that they explored the questions of who was the legal owner and what kind of organization was needed to carry on the program. They decided to invite Hubert Hawkins of the Indiana Historical Society to come up and meet with them to advise them on setting up a governing board based on other organizations with similar situations. The committee will report back to our organization at a later date.

Miss Arnold announced that the Hessville Historical Society was sponsoring a showing of the movie "1776" at the Scott Middle School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2. The seating capacity is limited to 288 so tickets must be obtained in advance. She will have tickets available so contact her.

Miss Arnold also announced the Lake County Historical Society dinner meeting celebrating its 100th anniversary will be on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Wayfarer Inn on Route 30 near Route 51. Tickets are \$6.00 and Mr. Reeder will be the speaker. Contact him for tickets.

Mr. John Wilhelm introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Robert Heinze, to bring some comments on things that did not get into his book, "Red Crown Gasoline," the most recent publication of the Society.

Mr. Heinze came to this area from his native Minneapolis-St. Paul area. He had a great knowledge of asphalt so was a natural to go into the road building business. He told that his early interest in the Shriners dated from a shriners parade in St. Paul when he was in kindergarten. He decided then he wanted to be a Shriner and years later Bob Lipp sponsored his membership in Whiting's chapter. After his return from World War I, he became a member of the Orak Shrine in Hammond.

Mr. Heinze was first hired by Standard Oil in November, 1916. Based on his knowledge and work experience, he was hired at 45¢ per hour. He worked in the asphalt and acid works and did some experimenting on separating acid from sludge. He was transferred to the Casper, Wyoming plant in the 1920's. He was there at the time of their big fire when seven stills were hit by a bolt of lightning where crude oil was stored in tanks with wooden roofs. After that they changed to

steel roofs. In 1929 he was transferred to Aruba. When his wife joined him there, she was transported there on an oil boat. Her only way to get aboard was to climb a rope ladder. Mr. Heinze told something of the work he did to help settle the strike in Venezuela. 75% of Venezuela's income was from the operation of the oil refineries. They would not stand for a long strike. The work he did in helping to settle this strike was rewarded by Queen Juliana awarding him a special medal.

In a question period, Mr. Heinze was asked about the big fire in the Whiting plant in August, 1955. A man who had worked for him in Aruba was an operator on duty that day and knew that water went into the tower being charged, pressure built up and had to be released. The men knew it was dangerous and had moved to the safety room so that is why few were hurt. The tower control valve was not opened and that was the immediate reason for the fire.

Mr. Heinze showed an ore sample he had and encouraged people to visit the quarry in Lansing if they had never seen one. Mr. Heinze has now retired to Hammond and his contributions have been recognized by the company thru his four generations of acquaintances.

Since Mr. Bowlby had not yet arrived, Mr. Hayward was called upon for a report from the Bicentennial Committee. He told that two designated Bicentennial events were already held this summer:

1. The dedication of the Little Red Schoolhouse July 5
2. The International Cultural Festival, Sept. 6-7.

Work is proceeding on the 96 page booklet on the Bicentennial year in the Calumet Region. It is to include history, art, industries, organizations, churches and schools, and their activities of the year. It is hoped every family will want to buy one to follow the year's Bicentennial events. A longer range project is being planned to add to the display of the 624 locomotive with more land, a caboose and refrigerator car to develop into a rail road museum.

The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30p.m. when Mr. Ralston Miller will speak on early radio and telegraphy. Attached is a copy of the year's programs as planned now. They were distributed to all present at the meeting. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

PROGRAM FOR THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1975 - 1976

- Sunday, September 21, 1975 - Mr. Robert V. Heinze,
Author of "One Man's Experience with the Standard
Oil Company of Indiana; a Story about (cutback)
Asphalt," additional reminiscences.
- Tuesday, October 14, 1975 - Mr. Ralston Miller,
speaking on the "Early Years in Radio and
Telegraphy."
- Sunday, November 23, 1975 - Mrs. Thomas Luney, (Eileen
Keane), "History of the Keane Dancing Studios."
- Tuesday, February 17, 1976 - Mrs. Alice Brooks and
Mrs. Florence Cleveland, - "A Trip Down South
Hohman Avenue."
- Sunday, March 21, 1976 - Mr. Ralph Dunn, "History of the
Miner-Dunn Restaurants."
- Tuesday, April 13, 1976 - Mr. Edwin R. Nelson, "History
of the Hammond Public Schools and their Athletic
Program."
- Tuesday, May 18, 1976 - Annual Dinner Meeting -
Mr. Robert Lee Smith of Frankfort, Indiana, "George
Rogers Clark in Indiana and the Old Northwest."
- Sunday, June 20, 1976 - Annual Tour to Crete and Steger,
Illinois where our host will be the Chicago Heights
Historical Society.

All meetings except the Annual Dinner are held in the
Community Room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State
St., Hammond, Indiana. Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays
at 7:30 p.m.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, September 21, 1975
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 3C, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Henning	1401 N. Glenwood, Griffith
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Alice Watkins	905 E. 109th Avenue, Crown Point
Della Watkins	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd, Hammond
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Mrs. Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Betty Pfister	8425 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Henry Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence E. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Theodore J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Borman	7221 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Hazel L. Avery	2004 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Mullins	1961 Hammon Court, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. H. Boge	268 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Robert Heinze	6741 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	
Warren Reeder	

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 14, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society met Tuesday, October 14, 1975 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Fern Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The minutes of the September 21 meeting were read and approved. A roll call sheet which circulated indicated 26 people present.

Miss Arnold reminded members of the 100th Anniversary dinner of the Lake County Historical Society on October 26 at 5 p.m. at the Wayfarer Inn at which Warren Reeder will speak. She also read a letter from Mr. Roy Hoagland, president of the Hammond Exchange Club, announcing a dinner November 20, 1975 at the Wicker Park Club House at 7 p.m. at which Mr. John Wilhelm will be awarded the Book of Golden Deeds award. Historical Society members are invited and may purchase tickets from Mr. Hanock at the Hoosier State Bank. Miss Arnold reported two members whom she knew to be ill: Henry Hoyles and Catherine Williams. She announced that the Hammond Public Library is looking for donations of old high school annuals.

Mr. John Wilhelm introduced his long-time friend, J. Ralston Miller, as the speaker of the day. He said he was a person who always knew what he wanted to do--radio and telegraphy--and what he decided to do, he did with fervor.

Ralston Miller said that he had been the first radio engineer hired by NBC in Chicago when it opened there in May, 1930 and he helped install the TV equipment there when TV came many years later. He told of his lifetime interest in ham radio and how he was one of the earliest amateurs to be licensed by the government. On Dec. 5, 1919 he got assigned call number 9CP indicating he was in the 9th district and the 65th to be licensed. One of his most memorable radio contacts was in 1926 with the ship participating in the New York Museum Greenland Expedition, headed by George Palmer Putnam, husband of Amelia Earhart. Ralston Miller had read in an amateurs' magazine that the ship had radio equipment on board and would operate on ham bands. The ship got caught on a rock at high tide and was delayed by damage to the ship. For some reason, Hammond was in a favorable location for contact by radio with the ship and for several days while it was incapacitated, Ralston Miller was their radio contact with the rest of the world, taking messages from them, relaying them to the proper authorities, and sending back replies as needed. For this work of transmission done to the schooner Effie Morrison, he was awarded a norwhale tusk which came from a school of whales the ship ran into 1100 miles from the North Pole.

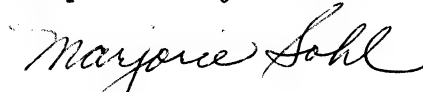
J. Ralston Miller lived on Calumet Avenue, opposite Bauer Street in the house known as the one with a 90 foot high antenna on it until the wind took the tower down. His mother was a school teacher and his father was a doctor. Ralston was always interested in radio and when he graduated from Hammond High in 1923, his father told him that they would get him training in radio if they could find a school. They found the Dodge's Telegraph and Radio Institute at Valparaiso. In 1932-33 the school became the Valpo Technical Institute and continues to operate as that today. After radio broadcasting got started, WMAQ was one of the first stations in Chicago, and Ralston was hired as their engineer.

Ralston reported that he had participated in several of the American Radio Relay Leagues tests. In 1926 his station was one that participated in a transpacific test to send a message to Australia without error. In 1930 the Unton Bowler was attempting to go from Chicago to Europe over the North Pole. They invited hams to communicate with them. It got to Labrador and finally sank. During World War II they closed down on ham operators for security reasons. Hams could listen but not transmit. Ralston has talked to all parts of the world recently, to Uruguay, to Sydney, Australia, to Perth Australia, and S. W. Africa.

Mr. Miller had on display a number of mementos of his radio days which he invited the members to feel free to examine in the social hour which followed.

Miss Arnold announced the next meeting for Sunday, November 23, when Mrs. Thomas Luney, the former Eileen Keane, will talk about the history of the Keane Dancing Studios. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. followed by refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl".

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 14, 1975
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Leona Williams	5945 Hyslop Place, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. John Henning	1401 N. Glenwood, Griffith
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Apt. 3C, Hammond
Nancy Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Tom McKinney	333 Clyde Avenue, Calumet City, Ill.
Wanda Seevers & guest	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Della Watkins (Mrs. R.L.)	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Betty Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Hazel L. Avery	2004 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Willard & Evaines Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Sherley & Robert Hawkins	8844 - 5th Avenue, Highland

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Wednesday, November 12, 1975

60 Years Recalled

HAMMOND—An exhibit commemorating 60 years of the Keane School of Dance will be displayed at the Hammond Public Library.

The exhibit of photographs and news clippings will be in the east display case of the library through November.

Mrs. Eileen Keane Luney, who took over the dance studio from her parents, will talk about the studio's development at the 2:30 p.m. Nov. 23 meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The meeting will be held in the library at 564 State St.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 23, 1975

The Hammond Historical Society met Sunday, November 23, 1975 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Fern Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The minutes of the October 14th meeting were read and approved. A roll call sheet was circulated indicating 55 present.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$873.69. He announced publications of the society that are for sale and that old, identified pictures before 1900 are always wanted.

Miss Arnold announced that members are invited to attend a lecture being given on Monday, December 1, at 12:15 p.m. at Purdue Calumet by Dr. Richard Dorson on Folklore of the Calumet Region.

Miss Arnold called attention to the display of mementos from the Keane School of Dance in the east display case of the library. She then introduced the speaker for the day, Eileen Keane Luney, a teacher for many years at the Keane School of Dance, founded and operated by her parents, John and Mary Ellen Keane. They came to Hammond from New York in 1916 and established the Orpheum School of Dance in the ballroom over the Orpheum Theatre. Mary Schutz, who owned the Orpheum Building, allowed them to use the ballroom for classes in return for rent of their apartment adjacent to the ballroom. Their first ballroom dancing class was 30 men and one woman from the telephone company. The next week she brought partners for the men and that was the start of the Orpheum School of Dance. Mr. and Mrs. Keane taught dancing two nights a week for one hour followed by a dance open to the public. Music was furnished by volunteer musicians for the practice. This developed into Hammond's first school of dance for children and adults. To illustrate the basic steps and exercises taught at the bar, Mrs. Luney called upon one of their students, Heather Horswell, who had performed at her mother, Mary Ellen's, 100 and 101st birthdays at St. Anthony's Medical Center.

John Keane started having dance recitals for the children to demonstrate their abilities. The first were held at the Parthenon Theatre between the evening shows, but as they got longer, they were moved to the Masonic Temple and Hammond High School. Over the years admission prices increased from 45¢ to \$2.00 and costume costs from about \$2.75 to \$9.00 or \$10.00.

In the summer of 1932 the school was moved from the Orpheum Theatre to 5832 Hohman Avenue, the southwest corner of Hohman and Mason, the former Walter H. Hammond Home from 1902 to 1930. The name was then changed to the Keane's School of Dance and remained at Hohman and Mason for 25 years. John Keane passed away in 1938 and the school continued under the direction of Mary Ellen Keane and their daughter Eileen. John Keane was a charter member of the Dancing Masters of America and a member and Vice President for many years of the Chicago National Association of Dance Teachers. Mary Ellen Keane was a charter member of the Hammond Business and Professional Women's Club and a 49 year member of the Daughters of Isabella of Hammond.

Mrs. Luney mentioned the changes of dance styles over the years that they have taught, including clog, soft shoe, buck and wing, boogie, rock and roll, jazz, acrobatic and tap.

Mr. Burns purchased the land at Mason and Hohman to use to expand his funeral home and parking facilities, so the Keane School of Dance moved to the Northwest corner of Mason and Hohman in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Headquarters for three years. Then the school closed except for private lessons given by Eileen in her home. Dance recitals ceased but students perform in talent shows in their schools.

Lisa Henesin of Munster, a current student, performed a Russian dance and Heather Horswell danced a boogie-jazz number. Mrs. Luney mentioned the names of at least a half dozen dance studios in the area now that are operated by former students of the Keane School.

In the question period that followed, John Wilhelm testified that he had been a volunteer musician at some of the early dances and a former student in the audience testified that Eileen was a fantastic teacher.

Eileen closed with the invitation to "be a keen dancer, dance the Keane way and live to be 101."

Miss Arnold presented gifts to the performing dancers and invited the members to the next meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 1976 when Florence Cleveland and Alice Brooks will escort us on a trip down South Hohman. The meeting adjourned with refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Sunday, November 23, 1975
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
M. Hanisin	7946 Linden Street, Munster
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Della V. Watkins (Mrs. R.L.)	7228 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Ruth B. Whitmen	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Camille DeMure	7519 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	231 Adelaide Place, Munster
Margaret Auer	510 Waltham Street, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Gladys Batke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Vera Wood	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Apt. 5, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Avenue, Hammond
Lynn D. McCoy	507 1/2 Highland Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. John Horswell	2289 Oakdale Street, Highland
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Helen Hogue	242 Oakwood Street, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Richard Horswell	
Julianne Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Ellen M. Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Cheryl A. Yuraitis	8502 White Oak, Munster
Sharon & Keith Yuraitis	8502 White Oak, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schultz	2424 Ridge Road, Highland
J.M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	
Marjorie Sohl	
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Luney	

Hammond Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 1976

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1976 before the regular meeting of the Society. President Fern Arnold presided. The attached list of twelve board members and one guest attended.

Stephen Yaros, Jr., President of the Lake County Historical Society had contacted Miss Arnold asking for a copy of our society's membership list. His idea was to start a new publication which would cover the news of all the societies in Lake County listing dates and programs of meetings and carrying articles of historical interest to the whole area. He also wanted the list marked for business men so he could contact them about buying ads in the paper to help defray printing costs. Miss Arnold questioned whether it was ethically correct to release our mailing list to anyone. The Board supported this opinion. A second contact from Mr. Yaros indicated a change in his plans. He now thinks he will do a first issue and provide all the societies with the first copy free for all their members and hope that each member will feel it is a worthwhile endeavor and will subscribe to future issues. Miss Arnold indicated that we would be happy to announce the meetings of any other society at our meetings and put notice of them in our newsletter if known in time.

Miss Arnold introduced Mrs. Ann Michaels who was attending the meeting to answer questions on a proposal made to the society. She is a teaching assistant at Purdue Calumet in its Center for Community Service. She was appealing to our Society to share sponsorship along with other societies of the Calumet Region and Purdue in the publication of a new folklore magazine of this area. Our co-sponsorship would involve primarily the selling of subscriptions at about \$1.50 a year for a couple issues a year. She answered questions on the kinds of things to be published and on the activities of the Center for Community Service whose responsibility is any cooperative work of the University and the community. The Board of Directors agreed to the sponsorship.

Professor Philip Nyden of the Calumet College had requested the Society to send a representative to a meeting Feb. 12 to discuss ways the Calumet College could help local historical societies in their community's historical efforts. He also wanted a speaker from the society at his March 22nd class on oral history in the Calumet Region. Mr. Edward Hayward agreed to handle both assignments. The course on Oral History was announced for March 15 thru May 3--8 Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. for \$32.00. The course is to study and practice oral history interviewing.

Miss Arnold asked for suggestions or volunteers to the nominating committee which needs to be appointed soon. She planned to ask Mr. John Wilhelm to be chairman of it. Margaret Gunderson was suggested to be considered for a Board nomination. There being no other suggestions or volunteers, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to prepare for the meeting of the Society to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 1976
ATTENDANCE

- Fern Arnold
- Florence Miller
- Ruth Whitman
- Norman Allen
- Kurt Marx
- Alice Brooks
- Florence Cleveland
- Nina Cravens
- Ruth Hayward
- Helen Hoyles
- Esther Frisk
- Mrs. Ann Michaels - Guest
- Marjorie Sohl

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, February 17, 1976

The Hammond Historical Society met in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1976. President Fern Arnold presided. An attendance sheet was circulated indicating 53 attended.

The names of eleven new members added since our last meeting were read and six of them who were attending were asked to stand to be introduced. This brings our membership total to 218.

The secretary read the minutes of the November 23, 1975 meeting which were approved. Because of the illness of the treasurer, no report was available. The secretary read two pieces of correspondence: a thank you note from Heather Horswell who performed at the last meeting, and a letter from Barbara Hooper outlining plans for the Bicentennial celebration at the Little Red Schoolhouse July 3 and 4 and encouraging any who are interested in helping on a committee to attend a meeting the next night, Feb. 18, at the schoolhouse.

Philip Nyden, a professor at Calumet College, who was attending the meeting, announced a course on oral history techniques which he will be teaching for 8 Monday evenings starting March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. for \$32.00. Representatives of the four historical societies of Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting and Gary are cooperating. They hope to publish the results of their meetings later.

Miss Arnold announced she had appointed Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh to be a committee to send cards to members in the case of illness or bereavement. She encouraged each member to make it his responsibility to notify Mrs. Umbaugh or Miss Arnold whenever they know of a member who should be remembered.

Miss Sohl announced the recent publication of a book by a member of our society, Harry Black, entitled THE LOST DUTCHMEN MINE: A short story of a tall tale. It has been ordered for the library and the Calumet Room and is available for purchase in local bookstores.

Miss Arnold announced the decision made at the board meeting held previous to this meeting not to release the membership mailing list to anyone requesting it but agreed to announce meetings of any other nearby society about which we are notified.

The program for the evening was introduced. Florence Hammond Cleveland and Alice Hammond Brooks, granddaughters of Thomas Hammond and daughters of Walter and Frank Hammond respectively, took us on a walk down South Hohman, recalling houses and people who lived in them in the early 1900's. The tour started at the corner of Williams and Hohman and proceeded south to Hohman and Highland. The comments on the residents of each house were illustrated with a colored slide of what is on the location at the present time, followed by a black and white slide wherever it was possible to obtain one of the original house on the same location. The following list of names of some of the people they

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talked about reads like a list of community leaders at that time:

William Kleihege
Dr. W. H. Howat
Kate Mueller
Judge H. Gillette
E. N. Binnell
McHie Family
Rothchilds
Murry Turner
Fred Mott
Frank S. Betz
Thomas Hammond
W. B. Conkey

Walter Hammond
Leo Wolf
Carl Kaufman
Judge H. Ibach
W. H. Gostlin
Mr. Deming
Max Klein
J. K. Stinson
Judge Rider
Philip Mosler
Dr. Lena Watson

Florence and Alice did a lot of research in the city directories as well as picking their memories and those of family members of the residents that are still around here that they could call. They told the everyday happenings as they remembered them and the unusual characteristics that stuck in their memories to make these early residents live for us. It was a colorful walk every step of the way.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tuesday, February 17, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Florence Cleveland	8048 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Avenue, Hammond
Esther Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4025 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Madeline F. Bach	6930 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Jeanette Ferris	6648 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Macoun Avenue, Hammond
Kate Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Highland
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Mary Lu Grenzer	235 Wildwood Road, Hammond
Lucille Grenzer	235 Wildwood Road, Hammond
Jan & John Henning	1401 N. Glenwood, Griffith
Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Hagberg	8520 Greenwood Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Hawkins	8844 - 5th Avenue, Highland
Ruth & Sheila Keyo	P.O. Box 552, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Walter J. Sommers	300 Mason Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Dr. J. Wesley Powley	7935 Jefferson Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. V. R. Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Petersen	20 Locust Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Ernest Turner	
Meriam P. Carter	
Maxine A. Rudd	
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Ratke	8033 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent W. Smith	5240 Ann Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Arlo SeEVERS	18257 Ray Street, Lansing, Ill.
Mrs. Arthur L. Ostrander	17933 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, Ill.
Mrs. George W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 21, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hammond Public Library Community Room. The attendance sheet was signed by 44 persons.

Miss Fern Arnold, president, presided. She announced the names of two new members, bringing our total to 220. The minutes of the February 17th meeting were read by the secretary and the treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$742.24 with all bills paid. Miss Arnold announced the appointment of a nominating committee consisting of Mr. John Wilhelm, chairman, Mr. Kurt Marx and Mrs. Ruth Whitman.

Mr. Hayward gave a summary of current bicentennial events and activities of the Bicentennial Committee. The Masons recently gave an historical play; the public schools are all featuring programs; a calendar of events is maintained in the center of the Main Library. April 6 the Indiana wagon of the Wagon Train will be in Hessville Park from 1-3 p.m. On April 11 the Little Red Schoolhouse committee will sponsor an Antique Sale in the FOP Hall. The J.C.'s are making plans to paint the Indiana emblem on the major intersections downtown. The Senior Citizens will hold a festival in August. The Girl Scouts are decorating fire plugs all over town. On July 3 the meeting of the flag carriers from north and south on Route 41 will occur at the monument for the Highway of Flags at Route 41 and 6. July 2-3 will be the festival in Hessville Park at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Sept. 11-12 will be the International Cultural Festival at Howard Branch Library. Work is being completed on Hammond's Bicentennial Yearbook and groups are being encouraged to take prepublication orders now at a profit to their organization. Mr. Wilhelm added that our society's Bicentennial publication should be out by the end of May, the 1889-1890 city directory reprint.

Miss Arnold introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Ralph Dunn, co-founder of the Miner-Dunn Restaurants in this area. Mr. Dunn was born in Indiana and with his father, a Methodist minister, lived in many communities in Indiana. He married Alice Guild of Medaryville after a long friendship and they had three sons. They moved from Chicago to South Bend when Mr. Dunn met 66 year old Mr. W.G. Paxton from Hammond and was hired by him to manage his personal affairs. Mr. Paxton wanted all his bills paid on the day on which they were received and he wanted his personal affairs to be known by no one. Since Mr. Frank Retz had given a camp for the Boy Scouts in Michigan, Mr. Paxton decided to give a camp to the Girl Scouts in Indiana. He ordered it purchased and developed near Winamac and all bills sent to him to be paid and not discussed at all. In the same way he financed his daughter's wedding at the South Shore Country Club, said to have cost \$30,000. He made most of his money in the building boom in the area just before the depression.

In the meantime, Mr. Miner had been in the bus business with the Calumet Motor Coach Company. Mr. Insull came in from Chicago and operated the South Shore Bus Company in the same area and drove Mr. Miner out of business. Both Mr. Miner and Mr. Dunn were broke during the depression and it was then, on the spur of the moment, they rented

a small remodelled store front built on the front of a house near Sibley on Calumet. It was being operated by two brothers who also worked at Ford plant and could not keep it up. For \$50 for equipment and two weeks rent they were in business, against the better judgment of their wives. However, Mrs. Dunn came forward with a chilli recipe and Mrs. Miner with home made chiffon pies. That plus hamburgers, coffee, tea and milk made up their total menu. Everything they served became a specialty and they drew people from miles around for their pies and hamburgers. Thru Wonder Bakery they developed a bun which was larger around and flatter. They bought good fresh meat with a controlled fat content fixed at 13% freshly dipped with an ice cream dipper, dropped on a dry, hot griddle and pressed out with a heavy spatula. 43 years later they are still making them the same way. At first, they got their meat from a local butcher, then the Columbia Packing and then direct from the Union Stockyards. Their first winter, 1932, was so bad they could not meet all their bills, but two years later they expanded to open a second shop on 29th Street across from the then thriving Avalon Theatre. They built their own counters and purchased unfinished furniture from Sears. They opened there on Feb. 1, 1934 in below zero weather and were making money within three weeks. In Sept, 1935 they opened another at 53rd and Blackstone which moved to 80th and Ashland in July, 1936. They continued expanding with one in Gary in Jan, 1937; one at 5319 Hohman in Hammond in July, 1938; one in Whiting at 119th and Oliver in June, 1940; and one at Lake Park and 53rd in the fall of 1941. With the outbreak of World War II in Dec, 1941, they had to curtail because of the difficulty of getting supplies and help during the war. It was then because of rationing that the Inland Steel plant decided to put a feeding service into the plant for their employees. Miner-Dunn went into the catering business in Inland by invitation when Inland decided to stick to local business instead of a big caterer. Miner-Dunn was already carrying food poisoning insurance and was able to get more when they increased their volume greatly. The first year in the canteen business they did \$667,000 worth of business. Their last year of operating the canteen business, they did over two million dollars worth of business. However, they got out of the canteen when Inland expanded its acreage so much and cut down on employees by mechanization so that it was no longer economical to operate a hot food service.

In a question period which followed, Mr. Dunn reminded us that when they started they sold hamburgers for 10¢ apiece or 10 for \$1.00, coffee and milk for 5¢, a piece of pie for 10¢ and a bowl of chilli for 10¢. He could buy his meat for only 8¢ a pound then. The original location on Calumet moved a couple doors south to the old Kuhn meat market when it moved out. This location was sold to Alan Schoop, who was Miner-Dunn's first hired employee. Mr. Dunn and two of his sons now operate two locations, have over 100 employees, and are planning to build a third location in Merrillville.

The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. when Mr. Edwin Nelson will speak on the "History of the Hammond Public Schools and their Athletic Program." The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak, Munster
Irene Hammond	8535 Manor Avenue, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Evainez Jones	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
James Adams	1721 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Betty Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Corinne Adams	1721 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Julianne Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Ellen M. Collins	6755 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Feanette Ferris	6648 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing, Ill.
Georgiana Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Foster D. Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing, Ill.
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	
Marjorie Schl	
Ralph Dunn	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1976

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library before the regular meeting. The special meeting was called by the president Fern Arnold. Ten Board members attended.

Miss Arnold explained that the Hammond Historical Society had been asked by the local Bicentennial committee to participate in a pre-publication selling campaign of the publication of the committee to come out sometime later this year. Copies of the book will sell for \$3.00 until publication and the club selling them will receive \$1.00 of it. After publication the book will sell for \$4.00 by the Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Reeder was willing to handle the orders and the finances. On a motion by Kurt Marx, seconded by John Wilhelm, the board voted to participate in the selling program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Fern Arnold
Edward Hayward
Eleanor Sulcer
Florence Miller
Kurt Marx

Norman Allen
John Wilhelm
Nina Cravens
Ruth Whitman
Marjorie Sohl

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1976

The Hammond Historical Society met on Tuesday, April 13, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Miss Arnold introduced six new members since the last meeting. Three of them were in attendance. Minutes of the March 21st meeting were read and approved. The secretary also gave the treasurers report of a balance of \$702.69. Thirty-two signed the attendance sheet.

Miss Arnold announced the decision of the Board of Directors, which met immediately before this meeting, to participate in the sales campaign of the Bicentennial books for \$3.00 each until publication, the society keeping \$1.00 of the amount for the Society. Fliers to record the sales were distributed to those in attendance.

Mr. Edward Hayward had arranged for the day's program and introduced the speaker, Mr. Edwin Nelson, who spoke on a History of the Hammond Schools and the Athletic Program. Mr. Nelson moved to Hammond from East Chicago when 12 years old. He attended Maywood School, Hammond High, 1924-28, graduated from Wabash College in 1933, and came back to Hammond High to teach history and coach football until he became Administrative Assistant in 1957 and Director of Attendance and Child Welfare for the school city from 1960-1973.

In going back to the early history of the Hammond schools, Mr. Nelson pointed to the deep and solid roots of the Hammond schools, started in 1863 by the parents of the ten students who then attended the one room school taught by Amanda Kunz who made \$20.00 a month (\$2.00 per head) for a 60 day school year. Mr. Nelson mentioned dates for the opening of most of the early schools, showing the pupil enrollment increased from 599 in 1884 when the first Central School was built to the peak of 23,000 in 1969-70 school year. There has been a downward trend since then, leveling off now at about 19,000. Hammond had only five school superintendants in almost its first hundred years of history until Mr. Lee L. Caldwell died in 1959. In the seventeen years since then, six superintendants have served.

Athletics began to get organized in the schools in about 1890-1900. It has never been neglected since then, neither has it been overemphasized. Girls started having teams and intramural games as early as 1906. Early school annuals feature outstanding athletes of their day such as track state champion Blair who ran the 100 yard dash in 9 seconds, Art and Wallie Hess, Frank Blocker and Walter Sohl were outstanding football players. Most went on to star on college teams at Wabash, Indiana University, and Purdue. Some came back to Calumet Region schools as coaches, as did the speaker Eddie Nelson, and Floyd Murray and Frank Thomas. Hollace Hunter was a volunteer coach and a great pusher for the building of the Civic Center.

The new Hammond High School building was started in 1917 and completed in 1922 but graduated classes from 1918 on. Mr. A.L. Spohn became principal in 1919 and was one great educator who generated respect from everyone who knew him. Hammond Tech was established as a trade school in 1924 in the old Central School building. Clark was established in 1932 and Morton in 1950. All of these schools have had a

parade of great coaches like Carl Huffine, George Vinkler, Bill Huett, Milt Wilson, Hal Snyder, Lew Birkett, Laverne Taylor, Chet Kessler, M. Aldrich, and Ed Shields. Mr. Nelson also paid tribute to a few of his choice of all time great teachers at Hammond High like Miss Goetzendanner in dramatics, Miss Buck in Latin, and Miss Burhans in history, as well as the person who made the school go every day from 1925 to 1966--Hazel Carlson Lindstrom in the office and Bill Kuhn who kept the lawn a beauty spot of the community. He remembered the beginnings of student government with John Wilhelm as its first president and Carl Kleihege as its second president, Howard Noonan and then Eddie Nelson. In 1927 the athletic teams at Hammond High became known as the Wildcats, and its enthusiasm and school spirit has never waned. The '30's produced the great track coach Bill Easton and such all time great football players as Jules Papais and Herkie Bereolos, and Hammond's great woman swimmer, Betty Betz. The other high schools had great programs going too, but Mr. Nelson was more closely associated with the Hammond High program.

The annual meeting was announced for Tuesday, May 18, 1976 at Faith United Church of Christ at 6:30. Price of the dinner will be \$5.00. Reservations will be taken by the secretary at the Hammond Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Edwin R. Nelson	7040 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Dr. J. Wesley Powley	7935 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Dr. S. P. Moran	324 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Esther E. Frisk	4737 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Felix Melson	6326 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Felix W. Melson	6326 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Hammond
Eileen K. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Mildred Funk	221 Conkey Street, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mildred Folta	7732 Hohman Avenue, Munster
Rudy Folta	7732 Hohman Avenue, Munster
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at the Faith United Church of Christ, 3035 - 175th Street, Hammond on Tuesday, May 18, 1976 at 6:30 p.m.. The 84 members and friends attending were welcomed by president, Fern Arnold. Rev. Arpad Beretz of the host church offered the invocation. Dinner was served by the Ladies Aid Society of the host church.

Following the dinner, guests and visitors from nearby societies identified and introduced themselves. The secretary read the minutes of the May 13, 1975 annual meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$714.49 and an increase for the year of 40 members. Mr. John Wilhelm presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Mrs. Willard Jonas
1st Vice President - Mr. Donald Backe
2nd Vice President - Mrs. Florence Miller
3rd Vice President - Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

DIRECTORS - Term expiring May, 1980
Mrs. Winifrede Barenie
Mr. Daryl Dunsing
Miss Margaret A. Gunderson
Mrs. Wanda Seevers
Mr. James Towle
Mr. John Bowlby

DIRECTORS-- Unexpired term to May, 1978
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman
Mrs. Vera M. Wood

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers and directors.

Mr. Edward Hayward gave a report of the Bicentennial committee of the Historical Society. He reported on the increased use of the Calumet Room for various community groups in planning their Bicentennial activities. Florence Cleveland had supplied materials to the Munster and Whiting-Robertsdale Societies as well as schools, churches, businesses and clubs. A display was set up at MacDonald's on Route 30. Radio spots had been prepared for the Crown Point Radio Station. He had cooperated with the local and district Bicentennial committee and worked with them on preparations for the yearbook yet to be published.

The president, Fern Arnold, read the attached annual report, summarizing the year's activities. She announced the annual bus tour would be held on Sunday, June 20, leaving the Board of Education Building at 1:30 and returning at 5 p.m. This tour will go to the Crete-Steger area where we will be met by a representative of that area's historical society.

Mrs. Edward Hayward conducted a very impressive memorial service for the five members who died during the past year. The deceased members honored and those presenting a red rose in their memory follows:

Fred W. Dedelow - Joseph Piekarczyk, Sr.
Edith Burhans - Kate Richmond
Donald E. Gavit - Caroline Hohman
Mary Peters - Mrs. H. Geiger
Frank Seliger - Carol Clark.

Rev. Arpad Beretz presented a history of the host church to which he had come to serve fifteen years ago. He felt it appropriate that we meet in this ethnic church in this the year of our bicentennial to dramatize that we must live together in harmony. Their church now encompasses sixteen ethnic groups. He gave some historical background to the Hungarian immigration to America which in turn led to the establishment of the original church in East Chicago Jan. 1, 1907. Others were organized in later years in Whiting, Indiana Harbor, and Hammond. The East Chicago church moved to this Hessville address and was dedicated May 9, 1965. The hall we met in was added to the church in 1972. A social hall, bell tower and parsonage are needed yet to complete the master plan.

Fern Arnold introduced the speaker for the evening, Robert Lee Smith, now a resident of Frankfort, Indiana, but a former resident of the Calumet Region before his retirement from Inland Steel. In keeping with our Bicentennial year, Mr. Smith presented a dramatic story of the days George Rogers Clark spent in Indiana and the Old Northwest. He was born Nov. 19, 1752 and grew up near Thomas Jefferson in Virginia. He left home in 1772, when only twenty to become one of America's greatest frontiersmen. By the time he was twenty-six he was a national hero for his feats in bringing about the surrender of the British troops but he spent the rest of his life until he died Feb. 14, 1866, repaying the debts incurred.

The pots of geraniums used as centerpieces on each table were awarded to the people seated at places with HHS under their plates. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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President's Annual Report

May 18, 1976

In June, 1975, thanks to arrangements made by our good friend, John Wilhelm, we toured Inland Steel Company via bus and foot. We wore the helmets of the steel workers. We saw the fiery pits and furnaces, the dirt and dust - and we often wonder where all those ingots went to that we saw being made.

In September, Robert V. Heinze, author of "History of the Standard Oil Company" reminisced about his experiences with that company.

In October, Mr. Ralston Miller shared his fascinating memories of his life during the early years of radio and telegraphy.

On Sunday, Nov. 23 Mrs. Thomas Luney, known professionally as Eileen Keane, presented a history of the Keane Dancing Studios and two of her pupils charmed us with their dancing skills.

After the holidays, in February, 1976, we took "A Trip Down South Hohman Avenue" with Florence Cleveland and Alice Brooks - a look into our yesteryears with slides which pictured old Hammond homes compared with what is left today.

On Sunday afternoon, March 21st Mr. Ralph Dunn related the story of the Miner-Dunn restaurants. So well did he tease our appetites that some of our members left the meeting at its conclusion and had supper at his restaurant!

In April, Edwin Nelson made us nostalgic as he told of his years with the Hammond School System - as a student, coach, and attendance officer.


All of these programs have been recorded on tape and placed in the Calumet Room of the public library for use of future generations.

In addition to our programs, members of our Bicentennial Committee and other members of our Society have worked very closely with the local Bicentennial Commission and guided and counselled much of its activities.

And lastly, I am pleased to call to your attention the placemat beneath your dinner plate. This is our latest contribution to the Bicentennial celebration and was completed through the combined efforts of our friend and talented artist, Miss Lillian Jefchak, our Calumet Room librarian, Mrs. Florence Cleveland, the Director of the Hammond Public Library, Mr. Edward B. Hayward, and our two founders of the Society, Mr. John Wilhelm and Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr. It is our intention, although we have but a limited supply at present, to offer it, free of charge, to local clubs and organizations for use at one of their meetings during the Bicentennial.

It has been a most pleasant year. I have made many new friends whom I treasure and have appreciated the help and support that many of you have given. Thank you, each and everyone.

Respectfully submitted,


Fern Arnold, President



The Hammond Historical Society

260 - 165th STREET
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

FINANCIAL STATEMENT May 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976

BALANCE May 1, 1975 \$ 785.95

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 880.00	
Annual Dinner	375.00	
Annual Bus Tour	36.00	
International Culture Festival	5.90	
Donation - Rotary Club	25.00	
Refund	1.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		\$ 1,322.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 125.00
Newsletter	239.82
Refreshments	10.00
Membership Gifts	433.75
Annual Dinner	233.33
Recording Tape	2.99
International Culture Festival	10.00
A. A. S. L. H. (dues)	16.00
Bus Tour	65.00
Special Help	186.25
Photos, Maps, Booklets	57.12
Advertising	5.10
Secretary of State (filing corporate report) . .	10.00





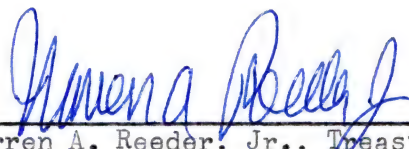
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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 5/1/75 to 4/30/76	\$ 1,394.36
BALANCE APRIL 30, 1976	714.49



Warren A. Reeder, Jr., Treasurer

May 1, 1976



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Kate Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Robert Johnson	2342 Birch Avenue, Whiting
Jack Heslin	3939 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Jeanette Ferris	6648 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Fay Eads	6036 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Vera Wood	733 Cherry Street, Hammond
Ed. Allen	105 Waltham Street, Calumet City
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Caroline M. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. George N. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Lillian Smith	1533 Warwick Avenue, Whiting
Chester A. Smith	1533 Warwick Avenue, Whiting
John W. Bowlby	6726 Colorado Avenue, Hammond
Virginia I. Bowlby	6726 Colorado Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Crowe	6823 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Audrey Turner	2824 Ridge Road, Lansing
Gene Turner	2824 Ridge Road, Lansing
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Grace Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Victor Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Madeline F. Bach	6930 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Walter F. Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Georgiana L. Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Donald F. Backe	844 - 169th Street, Hammond
Rudolph Todd	8222 Howard Avenue, Munster
James A. Towle	7526 Jarnecke Avenue, Hammond
Carol Clark	5526 Beall Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside, Munster
John Henning	1401 North Glenwood, Griffith
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Joseph M. Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Josephine Krinbill Row	1926 Camellia Drive, Munster
Stella B. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Dorothy G. Bemisderfer	259 Vine Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Elizabeth Zaranka	5004 North Avenue, East Chicago
Ethel Outler	913 Summer Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Apt. 14, Highland
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hawkins	8844 - 5th Avenue, Highland
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Harnyck	2838 Ross Street, Highland
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hadarich	3115 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Roger Reeder	
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	
Robert Lee Smith	
Fern Arnold	
Rev. Arpad Beretz	
Mrs. Arpad Beretz	
Marjorie Sohl	

Hammond Historical Society

*George
Rogers
Clark*



16th Annual Dinner-Meeting

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
16th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 18, 1976 6:30 p.m.

Faith United Church of Christ
3030 - 175th Street Hammond, Indiana

WELCOME..... Miss Fern Arnold

INVOCATION..... Rev. Arpad Beretz

DINNER..... Served by the Ladies Aid Society
of Faith United Church of Christ

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of May 13, 1975

Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report

Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr., Treasurer

Report of the Nominating Committee

Mr. John Wilhelm, Chairman

Report of the Bicentennial Committee

Mr. Edward B. Hayward, Chairman

President's Annual Report

Miss Fern Arnold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Mrs. Edward B. Hayward

Fred W. Dedelow

Edith Burhans

Donald E. Gavit

Mary Peters

Frank Seliger

HISTORY OF FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.....
Rev. Arpad Beretz

SPEAKER..... Mr. Robert Lee Smith
"GEORGE ROGERS CLARK IN INDIANA AND THE
OLD NORTHWEST"

ADJOURNMENT

OFFICERS 1975 - 1976

President..... Miss Fern Arnold

1st Vice President..... Miss Helen Hogue

2nd Vice President..... Mr. Norman Allen

Secretary..... Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer..... Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

DIRECTORS

Mr. Donald Backe

Mrs. Alton Brooks

Mr. Eugene Chlebowski

Mr. Henry Fehlberg

Mrs. Carl Frisk

Miss Alice Fuzy

Mr. Donald Gavit

Mr. H. J. Geiger

Mrs. Martin W. Geis

Mrs. Edward B. Hayward

Mrs. Henry W. Hoyles

Mr. Willard Jonas

Miss Charlotte Kasten

Mrs. Verlyn Mack

Mrs. Florence Miller

Mrs. H. E. Miner

Mrs. Anna Stevesand

Miss Eleanor Sulcer

Mrs. Ruth Whitman

Mrs. Robert Wilhelm

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John F. Wilhelm 1959-60

Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr. 1960-61

Mr. Edward B. Hayward 1961-62

Mrs. Vincent Bower 1962-63

Mr. George Nelson 1963-64

Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased) 1964-65

Mrs. Mary Peters (Deceased) 1965-66

Mrs. Harry Wilson 1966-67

Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased) 1967-68

Mrs. Henry Cleveland 1968-69

Miss Marjorie Sohl 1969-70

Mr. Gordon Whitney 1970-71

Mr. Verlyn Mack 1971-72

Mrs. Nina Cravens 1972-73

Mrs. Ray Williams 1973-74

Mr. Kurt Marx 1974-75

George Rogers Clark, has been called by some historians "the Washington of the West" because his deeds parallel in some respects those of his more renowned contemporary. He too explored westwards from Virginia as a young man, earning his way as a surveyor and fighting Indians. In 1776 he was elected to the Virginia Assembly as a representative of the western settlements.

On July 3, 1778, Clark led a small force of Kentuckians in the successful capture of British troops in control of Kaskaskia. In February of the following winter, they made an incredible 200 mile march through flooded prairies to Vincennes where the British garrison of Fort Sackville under Colonel Henry Hamilton was induced to surrender.

After the Revolutionary War, Virginia granted Clark's veterans land across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. Named Clarksville, this was the first American settlement in what later became Indiana. As a result of Clark's victories, the United States was able to claim the area north of the Ohio River as part of the new nation in the treaty of 1783.



Fort Sackville

VINCENNES, INDIANA —

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THE TIMES

Wednesday, May 12, 1976

Historian Invited

HAMMOND — Robert L. Smith of Frankfort, a former Highland resident and historian, will speak May 18 at the annual dinner meeting of the Hammond

Historical Society.

The meeting will be at the Faith United Church of Christ, 3030 175th St.

Smith will discuss "George Rogers Clark in Indiana and the Old Northwest."

The dinner is open to interested persons. For further information, contact Mrs. Fern Arnold at the society by Friday.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1976

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library on Saturday, July 10, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. Twenty members attended. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1020 with some bills outstanding for the publication in process. Two members were reported having died recently: Henry Fehlberg and George Pokos, Jr. Jeanette Ferris was reported ill.

Announcement was made of the up-coming Town Meeting '76 to be held in Bishop Noll Cafeteria on July 31 from 9 to 5 p.m.

A paper was circulated for members to sign up for any times that they could help man the Historical Society booth at the Lake County Fair, Aug. 21-28, 1976. Kurt and Elsie Marx were in charge of this activity. A similar appeal was made for heap at the table at the International Cultural Festival, Sept. 11-12, 1976.

Mr. John Bowlby reported on the activities at the Little Red Schoolhouse and told that he and Mr. Iliff cut a tape recently on which they outlined their hopes to provide in an organized way for the future care of the schoolhouse by involving educational institutions and civic organizations into a continuing Board of Education of one hundred to choose nine members representing nine organizations to be responsible for scheduling and operating. Mr. Wilhelm outlined hopes of creating a Tricentennial Trust Fund to be raised by collecting 6¢ from each school child and the funds invested, using the income for the upkeep of the building.

Mr. Bowlby reported work continues on the Bicentennial yearbook. They are operating without funds and depending on donations, but hope to soon go to the printers and print 50,000 copies to sell at \$3.00 per copy. One unfinished project remaining to be done is the putting a roof over the engin, coal car, refrigerator car and caboos which now form a railroad museum just west of the civic center.

Mrs. Jonas reported no action yet from the Purdue Bi-annual Folklife magazine.

Discussion was opened on programs for the coming year. The majority seemed to prefer holding all meetings on Sunday afternoon so the following dates were set for meetings:

Sept. 19, 1976	April 17, 1977
Oct. 17, 1976	May , 1977 - Annual Dinner
Nov. 21, 1976	Church of Christ
Feb. 20, 1977	Jefferson & 165th
Mar. 20, 1977	June 12, 1977 - Tour

Brainstorming for program ideas produced the following ideas:

1. Archie Sporner - Football
2. Mr. Ciesar - Basketball
3. Charles Gluth - History of Roofing Company
4. Helen Hogue - Lincoln Law School
5. Harold Hagbury - Unions
6. Andrew Christianson - Viking Engineering
Builder of the first diesel in the world.

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7. Tim Galvin - Roman Catholicism & K. of C.
8. Joe Weis - Drug store - Condit Street
9. Grant Carley
10. Carl Kleihege
11. Boy Scouts in Hammond
12. Skip DeCamp and sea scouts
13. Esther Kristoff - Girl Scouts
14. Salvation Army
15. Pullman Standard Research on Railway cars.
(Piggy-backs developed here)
16. Pete Knoezer - Champion Potato Digger
17. Bob Sullivan - IHB RR
18. Mrs. Wilhelm - History of Hammond Woman's Club
19. Louis Rueter
20. Stan-Ray Products
21. Tour to Obidiah Taylor's grave at Cedar Lake.
22. Card file of Hammond Times Obituaries.
23. Persue schools to keep files of yearbooks current in
Calumet Room - advertise in paper for gifts.
24. Xerox church records.
25. Encourage gifts in wills of material

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1976
ATTENDANCE

NAME

Marjorie Sohl
Kurt C. Marx
Winifrede Barenie
John F. Wilhelm
Grace E. Mack
John Bowlby
Marie C. Wilhelm
Alice L. Brooks
Florence D. Miller
James A. Towle

NAME

Florence Cleveland
Fern Arnold
Charlotte Kasten
Helen Hoyles
Vera Wood
Wanda Seevers
Warren Reeder
Willard Jonas
Evainez Jonas

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976

The first meeting of the new year of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 19, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Evainez Jonas presided. Minutes of the April 13, 1976 meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the treasurer due to the death of his mother, the secretary reported his balance of \$886.21 with all bills paid. A roll call sheet was passed recording 60 members and friends present. The president thanked all those who had participated in helping to man the booth for the Historical Society at both the Lake County Fair August 22-28 and the International Cultural Festival September 11-12.

Mrs. Jonas introduced the speaker of the day, Carl Kleihege, whose subject was "Forward into Yesterday." Carl Kleihege was born in Hammond at the corner of Hohman and Williams Street about 70 years ago. His grandfather, William Kleihege came to America from Prussia in the 1860's because he did not want to serve in the Prussian army. When he landed in this country he was immediately put into the Confederate Army. He deserted them and started north. That is how he came to the Chicago region. He got a job with the Hammond Packing Company in 1894. He was active in city government, serving as city treasurer and on the city council.

Mr. Kleihege showed a number of family pictures and mementoes which he had on display and commented on each of them. His father was a plumbing contractor who did the plumbing in a number of Hammond buildings including the Hammond Industrial High School (now Hammond High) when it was built. His store was on the west side of Hohman Avenue between Sibley and State. His father purchased the property at the corner of Sibley and Hohman, leased some of it to a Chicago firm for a theatre, and when they ran out of money, his father got it back and suddenly found himself in the theatre business.

Mr. Kleihege had prepared and gave to the society a family tree from his mother and father down to the present generation, -- nine children, fourteen grandchildren, and twenty-two great grandchildren. The nine children were Margaret, Bertha, Elizabeth, Wilma, Marie, William, Carl, Herbert and Jane. Carl's sister Elizabeth and several of his grandchildren were in the audience.

Mr. Kleihege listed several miscellaneous things he remembered:

1. All the saloons along Hohman that one passed between Williams Street and St. Joseph's school.
2. Quarter operated gas meters.
3. Open summer cars
4. Silent movies and the first talkies on records.
5. State Line Avenue called the Western Front
6. Fruit boat at the Hohman Avenue bridge
7. Hohman Avenue south ending at what is now 165th Street.
8. Building of Calumet Avenue north across Lake George.
9. Some of the old buildings that his organization as president of the Hammond Parking Association has been responsible for tearing down to create parking areas downtown.

Mr. Kleihege looked to the future of Hammond and predicted that in the next 25 to 50 years, all of the Calumet Region will be one city. Economy of operation will demand it. He saw downtown Hammond as being smaller but better with first class transportation to Chicago. Hammond has always had a strong group of people with faith and perseverance. At Thanksgiving Mr. Kleihege will celebrate 50 years of service in downtown Hammond. He has always been proud of his properties and business dealings downtown.

Mrs. Jonas announced the next meeting for Sunday, October 17, at which time Frank DeBold will talk about the Champion Potato Digger. Refreshments were served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Kurt Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Willard R. Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Carl A. Kleihege	64 Kenwood Street, Hammond
Mary Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Sharron Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Pat Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Tim Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Eliseteth K. Emmerling	64 Kenwood Street, Hammond
Kathryn W. Kleihege	64 Kenwood Street, Hammond
Kathy Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Paul Kleihege	7116 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Eileen Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
William Wilson	217 - 67th Street, Schererville,
Mary E. Wilson	217 - 67th Street, Schererville
Gladys Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Nell Tapper	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Betty Hawryszkow	8533 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond
Melvin Hindmarch	2150 Tanglewood Place, Hammond
Hazel Vaughn Smith	5388 Mulberry Avenue, Portage
Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Thomas Vaughn	724 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Daryl and Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd, Hammond
Wilhelmina Holm	6447 Alexander Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Lucille Parre	233 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Alta Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mary R. Adams	6351 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Emma L. Williams	8336 Grace Street, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Olive & Anthony Seidler	1811 Ridge Road, Munster
Evainez Jonas & Mariorie Schl	

PROGRAMS

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- Sunday, September 21st. Carl Kleihege. "Forward Into Yesterday" Mr. Kleihege is a descendant of one of Hammond's earliest families.
- Sunday, October 17th. Frank DeBold. "The History of the Champion Corporation" Mr. DeBold recently retired after a half century at the Champion Corporation, home of the world-famous potato-diggers invented by Mr. Otto Knoerzer. He will relate the story of the growth of the company.
- Sunday, November 21st. Arthur Spoerner. "A Look at Politics in the '30's, Football in the '20's and People in the Teens". "Archie" Spoerner is familiar to hundreds of Hammondites. A former northside resident, he starred in athletics at Hammond High and Wabash College, later turning his talents to semi-pro football. He was City Clerk of Hammond under Mayor Frank Martin and also County Chairman of the Democratic Party in Lake County, just to name a few of his talents.

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- Sunday, February 20th A panel discussion featuring three downtown businessmen, each of whom has featured prominently in that area during these years: Clarence Minas, Clarence Neidow and Walter Millikan. After they make their own presentation we will have a question-and-answer period.
- Sunday, March 20th. H. J. Geiger. "Musicians and Music in Early Hammond." Mr. Geiger helped to organize the first Musicians Union here and has incredibly careful records of where he played until retirement. We will hear of such names as Barney Young and Rheinhardt Elster, plus many others.
- Sunday, April 17th Robert E. Sullivan. "The Con Rail As I See It". Mr. Sullivan, formerly of the I.H.B. Railroad in our area, will bring us a living history of the new railroad system in our country and how it is affecting Hammond, a center of the switching of freight cars to the East.
- Tuesday, May 17th. Christ United Methodist Church, 6511 Jefferson Avenue. Our featured speaker will be Timothy Galvin, local attorney for many years, giving the history of the Knights of Columbus in our area. Mr. Galvin was formerly head of the National Knights of Columbus. Pastor Richard Gongwer will give a brief history of the host church as per our usual custom. This is our only evening meeting and will commence at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 15th. Annual afternoon tour, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will tour South Central Lake County, making a pilgrimage to the grave of Obadiah Taylor, the only Revolutionary War Veteran buried in Lake County. We will also tour some of the other historic villages of this area.

All meetings will be held in the Auditorium of the Hammond Public Library, 566 State Street, commencing at 2:30 p.m., except for the Annual Banquet in May. The Bus Tour will originate at the School Board building, Hohman & Waltham Streets.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1976

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, October 17, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-five signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with since they were summarized in the bulletin.

The planned speaker for the day, Mr. Frank DeBold, was ill today and unable to attend. In the true "show-must-go-on" spirit, Warren Reeder presented the film strip and record which he and Mr. Wilhelm made in 1967, "This is Hammond." It was new to many of the current members. He first presented a treasurer's report of a balance of \$885.77. Part of this is being held in escrow for the Bicentennial history. Work on it is up to 1946 now with hopes to finish it soon. Forms for prepublication orders for it and copies of all the society's publications were available.

After presenting the record-film strip history, Mr. Reeder led a discussion of the changes that had occurred in the past nine years since this was made and also the known errors in the film. A couple theories were presented as the reasons for the dog-leg bend in Hohman Avenue. The most logical being the correction to align with the state line. The Michigan Central Railroad went through first on a slight angle. Then Hohman Avenue was built to cross it at right angles.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1976
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Daryl and Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd., Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Apt. 5, Munster
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Ethyl G. Dredge	8659 Manor Drive, Munster
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Lucia & Carl Huebner	1543 - 170th Street, Hammond
Florence Stephan	136½ Sibley Street, Hammond
C.A. Styshaw	Box 705, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Helen M. Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Lucille Parre	233 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Mrs. Martha Hansen	6527 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Wanda SeEVERS	18257 Roy Street, Lansing, Ill.
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Carl A. Huebner	1543 - 170th Street, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
W. A. Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
EvaineZ Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1976

The Hammond Historical Society met in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, 1976. Mrs. Willard Jonas presided. Forty-six members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Warren Reeder reported \$1103 in the treasury awaiting publication of the Bicentennial yearbook. The committee hopes to set a publication date soon. He invited those attending to examine the pictures on display on the table. Many are from Peter Meyn and many needed some identification of some of the people on them.

Mrs. Jonas announced the program to be presented at the Hammond Civic Center on Thursday, December 2 with Lowell Thomas as the main speaker. It is sponsored by the National Council for Encouragement of Patriotism and is to be the climax of the Bicentennial celebration for the year. Tickets are \$4.00. She also announced that Warren Reeder will accept subscriptions to the Heritage, a paper of news from all the historical societies in Lake County. Those sent to one address will be \$2.00 instead of \$4.00.

Mrs. Jonas introduced the speaker who had agreed on short notice to speak today following the recent death of Arthur Spoerner, the scheduled speaker on our printed program. Mr. Roscoe Protsman is a retired teacher from the Dyer schools who, while his wife was doing a history of the Schererville schools, decided to himself write one on the district schools of Lake County. The Indiana constitution of 1851 made the townships responsible for education. In 1852 three township trustees were elected and in 1853 the first three schools were opened. No. 1 was in Schererville, No. 2 was on the St. John Road east and No. 3 was in St. John.

Mr. Protsman got much of his information by tracing the official records of the townships and learning amounts of money paid out for bills and teachers and builders and to whom. There was a period from 1854 to 1858 when there was nothing in the records but there were a lot of law suits indicating a lot of people were not in favor of the schools. As the population grew and concentrated in areas, Catholic schools were also established and when Schererville became incorporated, it was no longer on the list of district schools.

By the 1900's two and four room schools were being established and some of the early schools were closed. Mr. Protsman had a map on which he located each of the first twelve district schools and told when it was established and how long it was used. The records indicated the first superintendent 1862-63 was R. Fancher. Mr. Protsman read a description of the typical day's schedule from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. of a one room school. He brought and displayed a number of items from the early schools, as an old school bell, a boy's pocket knife, whistles made from elder twigs, ball-in-the-box puzzles. He had a picture of the old Dyer school from 1880. The Dyer High School started in 1908 with 10 pupils. It has been replaced by the new Lake Central High School with over 2000 pupils now.

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Mrs. Jonas announced the next meeting will be in February, 1977, with a panel of three Hammond businessmen. She invited all to the refreshments as the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1976
ATTENDANCE

NAME

ADDRESS

Warren Reeder=	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Hanford	15 Roselawn Street, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing, Ill.
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Florence Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. George W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster,
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Alice Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Donna Marie Ryan	524 Michigan Street, #603, Hammond
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Gehrke	1732 Davis Street, Whiting
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Raymond J. Keilman	Box 93, Dyer
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Bob and Betty Harris	7420 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Martha Nicholson	5239 State Line Avenue, Hammond
Willard and Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Street, Highland
Pearl Stenstrom	29 Coolidge Street, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
Lucillee Parre	233 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Roscoe E. Protsman	137 East Joliet, Schererville
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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Historian's Work Lives

HAMMOND — Warren A. Reeder's Bicentennial did not end Tuesday when he died following a heart attack at 63.

Reeder's efforts in providing Lake County with local and national history may outlive numerous generations.

One of his last major contributions



WARREN A. REEDER
...historian

was a Bicentennial yearbook for Hammond.

In addition, he wrote a book, "No Performances Today", which detailed the wreck of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus train in Lake County in the early 1900's.

He was also a member of the Civil War Round Table in Chicago.

Perhaps one of his major interests was collecting American historical items.

Reeder, who was a member of the Indiana Historical Society and past president of the Hammond Historical Society, collected signatures of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Signatures of presidents and vice-presidents were also part of his collection.

Although afraid of guns, he assembled a collection of weapons used to assassinate four American presidents.

"I have fired guns," Reeder said in 1965, "but I have no particular yen for them. My father was always afraid of weapons and I have the same antipathy."

Yet, he made great effort to reproduce the rifle which Lee Harvey Oswald used to assassinate John F. Kennedy in 1963.

He also had replicas of weapons used to kill Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.

Moreover, he collected letters from

John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, and Charles Guiteau, the assassin of Garfield.

He was particularly interested in President Lincoln and, in 1973, appeared on a local television station to display authentic Lincoln documents.

He collected the original Bibles of abolitionist John Brown and Confederate General 'Stonewall' Jackson.

Other interests pursued by Reeder led him to membership in a number of local and national service groups.

He was a member of the Hammond Library Board and, in 1971, was elected treasurer of the executive committee of the Urban Library Trustees Council.

He was also one-time secretary of Hammond's Economic Development Commission.

He operated Reeder Realty of Hammond and was former Director of the Calumet Board of Realtors.

Reeder, a member of the Christian Fellowship Church of Hammond, was also a trustee of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate Tenn., and chairman of the Lake County Cancer Drives in 1957, 1958, 1959.

He was the organizer and former director of the Hoosier State Bank of Indiana.

He is survived by his wife June, son Roger, daughter Linda, foster-son Robert A. Madison; all of Hammond.

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THE TIMES Wednesday, December 1, 1976

WARREN A. REEDER

Warren A. Reeder Jr., age 63, of Hammond, Ind., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30 at St. Margaret Hospital. Survivors: wife, June M. (Hershberger); one son, Roger K. of Hammond; one daughter, Linda M. Reeder at home; one foster son, Robert A. (Elaine) Madison of Hammond; one sister, Mrs. Barbara J. (Edward) Tieman of Hammond; mother-in-law, Mrs. Lorena Barth of Hammond; three brother-in-laws, John (Raydelle) Hershberger and Joel (Mardell) Hershberger both of Hammond and Dan (Diana) Barth of St. John; two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Lamora (Warren) Ritchie of Hammond and Mrs. Lorena (Chris) Condes of Munster; many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by one daughter Janet V. in 1959.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Church, 605-165th St., Hammond with Rev. D. North Miller, Rev. Joe Boerman and Rev. W. Currie officiating. Burial, Oak Hill Cemetery, Hammond. Memorials may be given to the Hammond Historical Society or Hammond Public Library. Friends may call at the Snyder-LaHayne Funeral Home, 5746 Hohman Ave., Hammond Thurs. and Fri. 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

Mr. Reeder was a lifetime resident of Hammond, a member of the Christian Fellowship Church having served in the capacity of treasurer and mission director. Mr. Reeder was also a Hammond Realtor and historian.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1977

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. met on Saturday, January 15, 1977 at 2 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Mrs. Willard Jonas presided. Eighteen members attended.

The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer recalling the many contributions to the society by the late treasurer, Warren A. Reeder, Jr. Mrs. Jonas explained one of the purposes of this meeting was to elect a successor to Warren. Mrs. Mack nominated Warren's son, Roger Reeder, to carry on if he would do so. Mr. Wilhelm reported that he was willing to do so and expected to be at the meeting today. Kurt Marx seconded the nomination and it was carried. Nominations were closed and he was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Jonas read the last letter she had received from Warren, dated November 26, in which he reported he had had some inquiries about a lifetime membership for the society, something to which he felt we should give some thought and consideration. He pointed out some of the dangers to the financial support of an organization if it gets too many such members and therefore a very limited annual income. Mrs. Jonas read from the bylaws concerning membership and then called for comment. Mr. Wilhelm reported that the Indiana Historical Society followed a policy of \$100 for each \$5 of annual dues paid and that they had sold over 400 such memberships, assuring that society of money to invest for a continuing publication program. He was very much in favor of a similar policy for us.

The meeting was interrupted at this point by Mrs. Roberta Massack, 3040 Strong Street, Highland, Indiana, 46322, 972-1695, who was in the library and learned the meeting was going on. She had attended a meeting this morning of the new Highland Historical Society and was looking to the Hammond Society for some help, advice, and programs. Mr. Mack offered to speak at their next meeting Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. and Mrs. Jonas offered to call her for any other help or advice they might need.

The discussion on life memberships continued. Mr. Hayward reported on how the price of life memberships had increased in the Indiana Library Association and the American Library Association in the years of his association with them and how ALA had recently eliminated them. Questions were raised on whether life memberships should be offered to institutional members and if so at the same rate as individual members. Mr. Hayward moved, Kurt Marx seconded, and was carried that a committee be appointed to research the whole problem of life memberships and report back at the next meeting. Comments and thinking of the membership will be sought in the next newsletter. A committee of Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Mack, Kurt Marx and Florence Cleveland was appointed.

Roger Reeder came in during the above discussion and presented one of his problems for clarification--whether to collect a full year's dues after Jan. 1 and whether to offer a free publication. After discussion it was decided by consensus he should collect a full year's dues whenever they are offered which would be good until the end of the next following May and that a free publication of their choice be offered.

The need for a new editor of the newsletter was faced next. Mr. Hayward had earlier offered to take over getting out the next issue until the board could meet and decide what to do. The board accepted his offer to edit the newsletter with Mr. Reeder's office continuing to duplicate it and mail it out. The need for everyone to continue to feed the editor with material was stressed. The next issue will be mailed by February 12 preceeding the next meeting on February 20.

The remaining programs for the year were discussed. Mrs. Jonas reported that Clarence Minas had declined to serve on the panel for the next meeting. Mr. Wilhelm agreed to follow up on reminding the other two, Clarence Neidow and Walt Millikan. Mr. H.J. Geiger for March meeting and Mr. Robert Sullivan for April meeting had both been confirmed. Tim Galvin for the May meeting would be reminded by Mr. Wilhelm closer to the date. The possibility of a reserve program was suggested as one on St. Margaret's Hospital given by Mrs. June Judge, from the hospital public relations office.

The tour scheduled for June was discussed. No one was aware of any contacts having been made for the tour to south Lake County as scheduled on the printed program. To replace that, it was suggested we consider a tour to either or both our new No. 1 Firestation and the Hammond Filtration Plant for Sunday, June 12. Mrs. Verlin Mack offered to contact them for arrangements.

Mrs. Jonas reported that she and Mr. Hayward had represented the Hammond Historical Society at the ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 2, for the opening of the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church recently demolished. She was disappointed at the lack of historical material in it. This led to a discussion of what kinds of things should go into a cornerstone. It was suggested that we ask for suggestions from the membership in the newsletter and that the society compile an appropriate list of what might be considered useful historically to answer such requests in the future. The Calumet Room has on file a list of the contents of the Court House cornerstone.

Mr. Wilhelm made a plea for what he thought were current needs of the society: 1. new members, 2. extra money to assure a continuing program of publication, 3. give or loan to the society or Calumet Room things which you feel are important historically. Do not wait for your heirs to do this, because then it will not get done. It will get thrown out. He mentioned some ideas for future publications to be Gordon Whitney's manuscript on the history of the Fire Department and the republication with additions to update a collection of cartoons of leading men of business and industry of the area.

Mrs. Jonas announced the need for a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the May annual meeting. She secured the consent to serve on that committee of Kurt Marx, James Towle and Wanda SeEVERS.

Roger Reeder announced he had received a communication from the Hessville Historical Society that they were planning an 80th birthday party for Mr. Iliff for Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will

be \$5.00. Contact Marjorie Daniels or Vivian Ward. He also indicated he had on file an advertisement for a film made and available from Hooks Drug Stores entitled "Guns of September" that is the story of Indiana's participation in the Civil War. It sounds like good program material for a future program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1977
ATTENDANCE

John Wilhelm
Willard Jonas
Wanda Seevers
Alice Brooks
Florence Cleveland
James A. Towle
Marie C. Wilhelm
Margaret Gunderson
Verlyn Mack
Grace Mack
Winifrede Barenie
Kurt C. Marx
Gladys Umbaugh
Maude Goodman
Edward B. Hayward
Evainez Jonas
Marjorie Sohl
Roger Reeder

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1977

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 20, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The attendance sheet passed indicated 60 in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a memorial for Warren A. Reeder, Jr. read by Mr. Ed. Hayward, and written by Mr. Ralph Newman of Chicago, long an associate of Warren in the Civil War Round Table and more recently in the Urban Libraries organization which Warren was serving as treasurer at his death. Mrs. Jonas, president, announced that Roger Reeder had accepted the responsibility of carrying on as treasurer and Mr. Hayward had offered to carry on as editor of the newsletter.

Mrs. Jonas introduced the first of two speakers of the day, Mr. Walt Millikan, who was born in Chicago but lived in Hammond all of his life. He reminisced about both sides of State Street from Hohman to Sohl. This area roughly covered where he spent most of his life. He had lived at State and Oakley, on Plummer Avenue just north of State, two blocks farther north at Truman and Oakley in the old Wilcox home, and his business had been on State Street. He went to the old central school where he started in Kindergarten and went all the way thru high school in the same building. He remembered the names of some of his early teachers: Miss Payne, Miss Starr, Miss Groman, Mary Burhans, Ralph Rupp, Mr. McDaniels, and A. L. Spohn. He remembered his classmate, Don Gavit and wife Helen Stout and later their son Don or Bud who became a pilot for Pan Am. Mr. Millikan had conferred with Clarence Minas and together they had compiled a list of what they remembered was along both sides of State Street moving from Hohman east to Sohl, first on the south side of the street and then on the north side of the street. Mr. Millikan indicated he knew who blew up the old State Theatre in the 30's but he would never reveal it. That wrecked business on State Street and moved the development to Hohman.

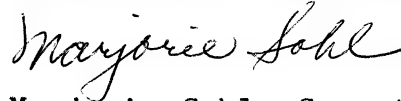
Mrs. Jonas had to leave to meet her mother, so Mr. Hayward introduced the second speaker, Mr. Clarence Neidow who concentrated on the area he knew best along Rimbach Street. He came to Hammond in 1904 which was about the time the original public library building was dedicated. He remembered shaking hands with Vice President Fairbanks who was here for the dedication of the Carnegie building. Mr. Neidow named some of the homes and businesses he remembered and also tried to name some of the early theatres: the Princess, Orpheum, Bejiu and Colonial. Mr. Neidow commented on the land on which Hammond is located, the 32 plateaus from Route 30 to the lake and the origin of such watery names as Blue Island and Stoney Island. He remembered when triple decker boats carrying apples docked at Hohman and the Calumet River and when it took three days by wagon to travel from Crown Point to Chicago. He presented Mr. Hayward with a book for the Calumet Room which was a publication on Rotary's 15th anniversary.

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Mr. Hayward announced the next meeting would be on Sunday, March 20, with Mr. Geiger the speaker.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Emmet & Theresa Kirn	1525 Park View Avenue, Whiting
Marie C Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mary Kazmer	920 - 170th Street, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Todd Martin	524 Michigan Street, Apt. 913, Hammond
Tracy Martin	524 Michigan Street, Apt. 913, Hammond
Donna Marie Lyon	524 Michigan Street, Apt. 603, Hammond
Margaret R. Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Georgiana Brown	47 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Vernon B. Wilson	251 Doty Street, Hammond
Frieda Wilson	251 Doty Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Marie & Gertrude Schroeter	6905 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Emma Bell	7036 Knickerbocker Parkway, Hammond
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy Street, Lansing
Martha Nicholson (Volkman)	5239 State Line, Hammond
Bob & Betty Harris	7420 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond
Helen M. Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi Park, Hammond
Lucille Parre	233 Fernwood Street, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Jeanette Ferris	6648 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Mollie Watts	3620 - 173rd Court, Lansing
Helen Hogue	Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	Hammond
Carole Millikan	Hammond
Bill & Pat McCoy	5713 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Roy & Viola Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Rudy & Milly Foltz	7732 Hohman Avenue, Munster
Bert Gilbert	57 Glendale Park, Hammond
Helen & Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence & H.J. Geiger	
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Walt Millikan	
Clarence Neidow	
Marjorie Sohl	

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 1977 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Fifty-seven signed the attendance sheet. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1359.64 and accredited the increase of funds to the sale of Bicentennial books.

Attending this meeting were three members of Warren Reeder's 1930 graduating class from Thornton Fractional High School: Atwood Smith, Mrs. Jean Wilson, and Mrs. Florence Knak. As spokesman for the group, Mr. Smith presented a plaque in memory of Warren Reeder, who had been president of their graduating class. Mrs. Jonas accepted for the Society and stated that the plaque would be hung in the Calumet Room.

Mrs. Jonas introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Henry J. Geiger, now 93 years old, but in his youth, he worked as a union drummer with local bands and groups. Mr. Geiger was born on Nov. 5, 1884 in Chicago and started working as a drummer in 1902 at the Majestic Theatre. He got his first drum lesson from another boy, but later took lessons from Joe Russikat the Majestic Theatre in Chicago for \$2.00 an hour twice a week. Mr. Geiger had kept a running account of the places and occasions at which he played, who he played for and how much he was paid. His records ran from 1909 to 1927. Some of the musicians which Mr. Geiger had played for and with included names like Jim Ward, Al Terry, Bonnie Young, Orin Miller, Del Pugh, Hank Gluth, Reinhart Elster and John McNeil. They played for picnics, weddings, funerals, parades, dances, Saturday night concerts, openings and dedications. Their advertisements read any engagement, any place, any time. Some of the places he mentioned that he had played included Chapin Hall, Huehn Hall, Unity Hall, Long's Hall, Orpheum Hall, Eagles Hall, Heinz Hall, K of P Hall and Moose Hall, Bejou Theatre, Towle Opera House, Brooks Theatre, DeLux Theatre, White House and Auditorium Hall in Indiana Harbor, Masonic Temple, Lakewood Park, Kendal's Grove, Harrison Park, and Sharpshooters Park. Most of these places no longer exist. During the years from 1918 to 1963, Mr. Geiger worked for Inland Steet, Graver Tank, General American, Metals Refinery-Glidden, and United Metals in Chicago. Some names he mentioned that he had given lessons to included Eddie Hess, Orville Reissig and George Gilcrist. Mrs. Geiger explained that her husband gave lessons at home on a plate turned upside down on a pillow. Mr. Geiger said they traveled to engagements on public transportation with their drums until finally the Drummers' Club was organized where various drummers stored their drums in different halls and the members could then use the drum stored where he had to play.

Mrs. Jonas announced the next meeting for Sunday, April 17 at 2:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Robert Sullivan will speak on ConRail. The annual banquet will be on Tuesday, May 17. While refreshments were being enjoyed, Mr. Geiger gave a demonstration of some of the sound effects made with the instruments he had brought along.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Recording Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
B. A. Hindmarch=	7018 Knickerbocker Parkway, Hammond
Norman Allen	7307 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Eloise Madison	2336 - 167th Street, Hammond
Robert Madison	2336 - 167th Street, Hammond
Joan E. Hoess	1826 Dylane Drive, Griffith
Mrs. Warren Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Linda Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Roger K. Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. Al Tokarse	7304 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. Wilson	8229 Park View, Munster
Thomas A. White	7132 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. D. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Helen Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Atwood Smith	7405 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Sigrid Stark	6733 Leland Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Florence Knak	502 Warren Street, Calumet City
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Bert Gilbert	57 Glendale Park, Hammond
Viola B. Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond
Claude Bond	6703 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Louise Bond	6703 Calumet Avenue, Hammond
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
Alfred and Jean Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Ruth Ann Barrell	6218 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Al & Esther Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Helena M. Ostrander	17933 Torrence Avenue, Lansing
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
Kurt C. Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Helen & Herb Geiger	7128 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. W. Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1977

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 17, 1977 at the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. The attendance sheet was signed by 47 persons. Mrs. Jonas, president, announced a Board of Directors meeting for next Saturday, April 23, at 2:30 p.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Cards will be sent only to those board members not at the meeting today.

Mrs. Jonas introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Robert Sullivan, General Manager of the Midwest Division of Conrail, speaking on "Conrail as I see it." Mr. Sullivan indicated that Conrail was so new it could hardly be spoken of as history yet. He explained that Conrail is not government subsidy of the railroads, but rather enabling legislation in Congress permitted the U. S. government to invest money in the railroads and in that way, provide some of the necessary railroads to continue to operate and to rehabilitate their equipment and roadbeds. The 1973 act made \$2,550,000,000 available for the rehabilitation. The new executives were a different breed of management gathered from various industries where they had proven their success. They were dedicated to seeing the new organization become viable. On April 1, 1976 Conrail became an operating reality. The Erie Railroad was not part of the original plan to be part of Conrail but rather the Chessie system. When Conrail had to take over the Erie Railroad in its first year of operation, it was really 15% more activity than anticipated. Conrail owns the IHB Railroad and its right away. This is important to our community because Conrail will now be paying taxes to the community which was not being done before Conrail took it over.

Amtrack is not a part of Conrail. Amtrack pays to send some trains over Conrail tracks, but is only a temporary arrangement and may cease soon. The money advanced by the Federal Government is not for passenger service. There is the possibility that soon only the IHB will operate thru this community and when the roadbeds and equipment are improved, They can operate longer trains faster. 482 million dollars were allowed for physical improvement. In nine months last year, 280 million dollars of this was used. 727 miles of new track was laid in nine months. 1000 is predicted for this year, and a total of 5000 in five years. Workers were sent to schools this winter, now trained better to produce. New equipment is on order and is being delivered. Their credit is established.

Mr. Sullivan ended with a plea that the railroads will soon be treated equally with their competitors, trucks, which do nothing to purchase or maintain their right away. Conrails investment in property has to come out of what they are earning. In summary, Conrail is a private organization, run privately, with funds on loan from the government. It is America's answer to what other countries have answered with nationalization.

Mr. Sullivan explained the automatic car identification system as a rapid and accurate car identification handled now on computers, automatically read by cameras. He did not feel the steam engine would ever return.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Sohl
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Kurt Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Avenue, Highland
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Laura Brown	5216 Howard Avenue, Hammond
Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Eileen Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Homer N. Rich	201 South Virginia, Hobart, 46342
Mrs. R. E. Sullivan	78081 Quincy Court, Hinsdale, Ill.
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Helen S. Hoyles	1156 Wilcox Street, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Seidler	1811 Ridge Road, Munster
Verlyn and Grace Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham Street, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Marie C. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Mrs. G. W. Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Albert J. Paschen	723 Spruce Street, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Irene M. Hammond	8535 Manor Avenue, Munster
Florence Cleveland	8948 White Oak Avenue, Munster
Caroline S. Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy H. Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas	
John Wilhelm	
Marjorie Sohl	

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1977

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 1977. Seventeen members were present.

Minutes of the January 15, 1977 Board meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1309.75. Five thousand envelopes, about 2½ years supply, is being ordered to get the price advantage of quantity. A few new memberships, several renewals, and one new institutional membership have been received recently.

Mrs. Grace Mack reported that the committee on life memberships had not met yet but they would meet soon and try to have a progress report at the May meeting.

Mr. Wilhelm expected to hear from Mr. Galvin early next week after he saw his doctor to know for sure if he would be able to be the dinner speaker in May. Joe Scherer, former fire chief, was suggested as another possible substitute if Mr. Galvin could not come, but some thought he should be scheduled for a whole program next year.

It was necessary to move the date of the annual tour to Sunday, June 5. Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Mack for a 1½ hour tour of the filtration plant, followed by a tour of #1 firestation. Bus will leave Waltham and Hohman promptly at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Reeder's office will make arrangements for the bus.

The future needs of the society as discussed at the last Board meeting were considered for action taken or ideas to be implemented in the future.

1. New members. - Mr. Backe suggested the society investigate having a listing in the new phone book (deadline May for publication in September, not to exceed \$3 a month) showing Mr. Reeder's office as headquarters, hoping to pick up new members who now do not know where to call. Motion-Donald Backe, Second-Mrs. Barenie, Carried.
Other ideas for membership included:
 - a. Have a membership chairman (4th Vice President) stationed at a sign at every meeting.
 - b. Make a list of 10 people you think should be asked to join and carry it along to ask when you see them.
 - c. Ask all the city officials.
 - d. Mail out the forms we have to possibilities
 - e. Have someone appear on Irv Lewin's program in the morning on WJOB.
2. Extra money to assure a continuing publication program.
 - a. We are continuing to get a dollar a copy for Bicentennial books sold. Roger Reeder, treasurer, suggested we put some of our extra money in a passbook savings account to earn some interest. Motion-John Wilhelm, Second-Kurt Marx, Carried.
 - b. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we consider opening a trust account with money from life memberships.

Kurt Marx reported the nominating committee has obtained a full slate of officers and will report at the May meeting.

Mrs. Jonas reported the Christ United Methodist Church had agreed to serve our dinner and the minister, Rev. Richard Gongwer, will present a history. Fern Arnold will lead the memorial service and Mr. Wilhelm will speak on the needs of the society.

An opportunity to bring up other business brought forth the following ideas:

1. In connection with the development of the railroad museum in Hammond, we should develop a collection of books and railroad memorabilia. Mr. Hayward and Mr. Dunsing were suggested to work on such a project.
2. Work on collecting church histories. (Not included in the Bicentennial book.)
3. Sponsor a bus trip to visit the State Genealogical Dept. for those interested in genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John F. Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Florence D. Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Florence Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Don Backe	7107 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Grace Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Kurt Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	
Marjorie Sohl	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1977

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at the Christ United Methodist Church, 6511 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond, on Tuesday, May 17, 1977 at 6:30 p.m. The 85 members and friends attending were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Willard Jonas. Rev. Richard Gongwer of the host church offered the invocation. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

Following the dinner, those attending as friends were asked to identify and introduce themselves. The secretary read the minutes of the May 18, 1976 annual meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1436.88 and 52 new members, making a mailing list of 241 now. Mr. Kurt Marx presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Mrs. Grace Mack
1st Vice President - Mr. Donald Backe
2nd Vice President - Mr. Charles McGregor
3rd Vice President - Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
4th Vice President - Mr. Calvin Bellamy
5th Vice President - Mr. Harold Wagner
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Mr. Roger Reeder

DIRECTORS - Term expiring May, 1981
Mr. Roy Duke
Mr. Edward Hanish
Mr. Julius K. Ebert
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm
Mrs. Eileen Luney

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers and directors.

Mr. John Wilhelm outlined a three point program that is the aim of the Board for the coming year: 1. A continued gain in membership. Friends of the society here tonight were urged to join and continue to attend our activities. 2. A continued accumulation of materials of historical value for the Calumet Room. 3. Start of a geneology group to trace and record your ancestors. Such a group can start with you.

The president, Mrs. Willard Jonas read the attached annual report. Kurt Marx reported the committee on life memberships had met but was not ready to make its recommendations yet. They will report at the next Board meeting.

Miss Fern Arnold conducted a very impressive memorial service for the six members who died during the past year. The deceased members honored and those presenting a red rose in their memory follows:

Gerald Clarke - James Towle
Henry Fehlberg - Mrs. John Wilhelm
George Pokos - Kurt Marx
Warren A. Reeder, Jr. - Edward Hayward
Henry Reissig - Donald Backe
Ralph G. Rupp - Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh

Rev. Richard Gongwer presented a brief history of the Christ United Methodist Church, this year celebrating its Golden Anniversary. Rev. Gongwer said this is the first church in which he has served that had members still living and active who were active when the church was started. In July, 1926, 4000 people gathered at a youth conference at Lake Wawasee decided to donate \$1000 to assign a pastor to the Hammond area. Rev. W. B. Taylor came in January, 1927. The church was chartered in June, 1927 with 51 members. They first met in the K of P Hall on Hohman, but rent was too high so they bought the basement church at 165th and Van Buren. In the mid thirties their membership grew to warrant purchase of land and building at the present site at 165th and Jefferson, completed April 30, 1939. Rev. Gongwer summarized the growth of the church in groups of terms of the pastors:

Growth Period, 1927-1936

Rev. W. B. Taylor

Rev. S. P. O'Reilly

Rev. Roscoe Wilson

Rev. Herman C. Beauchamp

Friendly Period, 1936-1948 (Merger with U.B.)

Rev. Lorin S. Stine

Stewardship Period, 1948-1967

Rev. Marshall Chambers

Rev. Merrell Geible

Rev. Hilbert Berger

Merger Period, 1967-1970 (EUB & Methodist merged to United Meth.)

Rev. Joseph Penrod

Pastorial Caring Period, 1970 - to date

Rev. Paul Temple

Rev. Richard Gongwer

Mr. Edward Hayward introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Lance Trusty, Chairman of the History department at Purdue Calumet, who has just completed the updating of Dr. Powell Moore's "Calumet Region: Indiana's Last Frontier." Dr. Trusty talked on "Hard Times in the Region, 1933-1941."

Dr. Trusty summarized life in the region as he learned about it and recorded it as a professional historian reading and interpreting the contemporary newspapers. Many of those here knew it from experience and recalled it with him. Life in the 30's was characterized by made-work and short-work-week, food lines, peat for fuel, steel mills working at 40% capacity and railroads at 50%. Oil refineries suffered less. The transportation systems and plants were here but no orders. The new deal that came in with Pres. Roosevelt became here the great deal. All the alphabet organizations played an important part in the regions recovery as the industrial unions began to rise. Skilled workers were never unemployed but as the government alphabet agencies increased employment, the work force also grew so the unemployment rate stayed high.

Dr. Trusty detailed the mismanagement in the John Dillinger case which brought national "fame" to the region, but he had little sympathy for the romanticization of crime. He felt many in the region did more for it and are not remembered properly.

Dr. Trusty detailed the coming of the FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Administration), CWA (Civil Works Administration), WPA (Works Project Administration), HOLC (Home Owners' Loan Corporation under J. Clynn Ellison saved 1/5 of the homes in the Calumet Region) and the FHA (Federal Housing Administration under L. Cosby Bernard brought the southward

migration of homes in the area). By 1940 the future of south Lake County was assured. Highway construction brought the area its first super highway, the Tri State, now the Borman Expressway, and one of the nations ten busiest highways. 63 million dollars were spent here in the New Deal decade to bring back work aplenty again.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with the report of two members known to be ill, Mrs. Helen Hoyles and Mrs. Florence Cleveland. The table flowers were sent to them. Kurt Marx announced the meeting of the Lake County Historical Society next week and the dedication of the Old Mill County Park in Merrillville next weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Schl

Marjorie Schl, Secretary

President's Annual Report

Members of HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY and guest:

Our 1976-1977 year began with a Board Meeting in July to lay the ground work for the coming months. First considered was the Lake County Fair and International Cultural Festival where our members maintained a booth and discussed the work of our Society and secured a few new members.

The September speaker, Carl Kleihege, gave us interesting highlights of early days, not only from his recollections but from his father who came to Hammond in 1860.

In October our scheduled speaker became ill on Sunday morning so frantic telephoning between Marjorie Sohl, Warren Reeder and myself proved that when the occasion arises something can be done. Warren remembered a film that had been made 9 years previously about "This Is Hammond". For many of us it was new and most interesting. We later discussed the many changes since the film had been made.

Our November Meeting was changed at a very late date due to the death of Arthur Spoerner. Mr. Roscoe Protsman, a retired teacher of the Dyer Schools gave us an informative history of the District Schools of Lake County.

An emergency Board Meeting in January to elect a new treasurer due to the sudden death of Warren Reeder. We were very pleased to have his son, Roger, accept. Edward Hayward graciously accepted the editorship of the News Letter.


The February meeting brought us two speakers. Walt Millikan, who discussed State Street from Hohman to Sohl Street and injected many interesting stories. Clarence Neidow reminisced about Rimbach Street and the activity on the Calumet River.

H. J. Geiger, a drummer, came in March to tell us about the early bands in the area and the founding of the Musician's Union. He brought several drums and traps and demonstrated how he could play them. The afternoon ended on a loud note.

In April Robert E. Sullivan, formerly of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad, and now with Conrail discussed the past of railroads in our area and the future "Conrail As I See It. Conrail is America's answer to what other countries have answered with nationalization.

This year has been a very rewarding experience for me and I wish to thank all those who have given of their time and effort to provide speakers and do all the necessary behind the scene activities. Especially do I wish to thank Edward Hayward, John Wilhelm and Marjorie Sohl, a very effecient and cooperative secretary. To the Library staff for our Programs tonight and expecially the cover design by Lillian Jefchak and her wall charts.

Respectfully submitted


Evainez Jonas,
May 17, 1977



The Hammond Historical Society

260 - 165th STREET
HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324

May 12, 1977

YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 1976 TO APRIL 30, 1977

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MAY 1, 1976 \$ 714.49

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 1,152.00
Annual Dinner	400.00
Annual Bus Tour	67.50
Bicentennial Yearbooks	318.00
W. A. Reeder Memorials	585.00
Miscellaneous	30.01

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$ 2,552.51


DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$ 114.44
Newsletter	295.78
Refreshments	28.45
Membership Gifts	525.25
Annual Dinner	452.56
Bus Tour	127.50
Photos & Maps	59.79
Fair Expenses	90.00
Heritage Newspapers	40.00
A. A. S. L. H. (dues)	16.00
Secretary of State (corporate rep.)	14.00
Advertising	2.88
Miscellaneous	63.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 1,830.12

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF APRIL 30, 1977 \$1,436.88

Respectfully submitted,


Roger K. Reeder, Treasurer



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OFFICERS 1977-1978

President	Mrs. Grace Mack	14 Ruth St. Hammond, IN	937-9073
1st Vice Pres.	Mr. Donald Backe	7107 Madison Ave. Hammond	931-2485
2nd " "	Mr. Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Ave. Hammond	845-0493
3rd " "	Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Ave. Hammond Apt. 248	844-8505
4th " "	Mr. Calvin Bellamy	57 Vine St. Hammond,	931-7192
5th " "	Mr. Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Ave. Hammond	931-3846
Secretary	Miss Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave. Hammond	933-7424
Treasurer	Mr. Roger Reeder,	30 Glendale PK Hammond	932-0400 (Office)

DIRECTORS TERM EXPIRING May 1981

1. Mr. Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8786
2. Mr. Edward Hanish	6422 VanBuren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
3. Mr. Julius K. Ebert	6627 Jackson Ave. Hammond,	932-3029
4. Mrs. Marie Wilhelm	5933 Park Place Hammond	932-7125 933-7424
5. Mrs. Eileen Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive Munster,	838-5860

Mrs Willard Jonas President

*1976-1977 will now become an
advisory
a member of the Hammond Historical
Society*

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, May 17, 1977
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Sidney L. Pachter, Jr.	63 Glendale Park, Hammond
Roger K. Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Lance Trusty	8236 Hawthorn Avenue, Munster
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
Willard Jonas	256 Detroit Street, Hammond
R. L. Gongwer	7152 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond
Gloria J. Gongwer	7152 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Avenue, Munster
Jan Trusty	8236 Hawthorne Avenue, Munster
Nina Cravens	423 Florence Street, Hammond
Madeline Bach	6930 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	3003 - 97th Place, Apt. 1A, Highland
Glady Umbaugh	6640 Arizona Avenue, Hammond
Glady Ratke	8933 Prairie Avenue, Highland
Katherine Williams	8801 Schneider Ave, #14, Highland
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Avenue, Highland
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer
Felicia Lundgren	1915 Hilltop Drive, Schererville
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Luney	8342 Schneider Drive, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Geiger	6530 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Sulcer	3425 Garfield Avenue, Highland
Maude Goodman	6411 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Kathryn Richman	6609 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mildred Funk	221 Conkey Street, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Sigrid Stark	6733 Leland Avenue, Hammond
Florence Miller	6837 Wicker Avenue, Hammond
Jean and Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Street, Whiting
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Avenue, Hammond
Helena M. Ostrander	17933 Torrence Avenue, Lansing
Wanda Seevers	18257 Ray Street, Lansing
Grace E. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Verlyn P. Mack	14 Ruth Street, Hammond
Margaret Kelley	4341 Ash Avenue, Hammond
Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Helen Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Donald F. Backe	7107 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Shatkowski	6911 White Oak Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. James Adams	1721 Stanton Avenue, Whiting
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Cal Bellamy	57 Vine Street, Hammond
Clarence M. Unger	332 - 156th Place, Calumet City
Florence Stephan	136½ Sibley Street, Hammond
Leona Wellsand	7419 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Rev. Joseph S. Vamos	5304 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Joseph Scherer	14 Condid Street, Hammond
Bob & Betty Harris	7420 Woodmar Avenue, Hammond

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Martha Nicholson	5239 State Line Avenue, Hammond
Lillian Vaughn	724 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Thomas Vaughn	724 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Martha Toney	6352 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Eulah Lindner	6750 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	257 Vine Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. James Towle	7526 Jarnecke, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. R. Benoit	1506 Ridge Road, Munster
Caroline Hohman	6112 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Alice L. Brooks	8148 Meadow Lane, Munster
Stella B. Miner	8254 Northcote Avenue, Munster
Emma Hausknecht	835 Morris Street, Hammond
Ann Stevesand=	918 Summer Street, Hammond
Winifred Barenie	4634 Torrence Avenue, Hammond
Elsie Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
Kurt Marx	4725 Henry Avenue, Hammond
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Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond

Hammond Historical Society



"The Calumet"

17th Annual Dinner-Meeting

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
17th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
May 17, 1977 6:30 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church
6511 Jefferson St. Hammond, Indiana

WELCOME.....Mrs. Willard Jonas
INVOCATION.....Rev. Richard Gongwer
DINNER.....Served by the Ladies of
Christ United Methodist Church

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of May 18, 1976
Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary
Treasurer's Annual Report
Mr. Roger Reeder, Treasurer
Report of the Nominating Committee
Mr. Kurt Marx, Chairman
The Society's Three Point Plan
Mr. John Wilhelm
President's Annual Report
Mrs. Willard Jonas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Miss Fern Arnold
Gerald Clarke Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Henry Fehlberg Henry Reissig
George Pokos Ralph G. Rupp

HISTORY OF CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.....
Rev. Richard Gongwer

SPEAKER.....Prof. Lance Trusty
"HARD TIMES IN THE REGION, 1933-1941"

ADJOURNMENT

OFFICERS 1976 - 1977

President.....Mrs. Willard Jonas
1st Vice President.....Mr. Donald Backe
2nd Vice President.....Mrs. Florence Miller
3rd Vice President.....Mrs. Gladys Umbaugh
Secretary.....Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer.....Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Mr. Roger Reeder

DIRECTORS

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie	Miss Charlotte Kasten
Mrs. Alton Brooks	Mrs. Verlyn Mack
Mr. John Bowlby	Mrs. H. E. Miner
Mr. Daryl Dunsing	Mrs. Wanda Seevers
Mr. Henry Fehlberg	Mrs. Anna Stevesand
Mrs. Victor R. Goodman	Mr. James Towle
Miss Margaret A. Gunderson	Mrs. Ruth Whitman
Mrs. Edward Hayward	Mrs. Robert Wilhelm
Mrs. Henry E. Hoyles	Mrs. Vera M. Wood
Mr. Willard Jonas	

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mr. John F. Wilhelm	1959-60
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr. (Deceased)	1960-61
Mr. Edward B. Hayward	1961-62
Mrs. Vincent Bower	1962-63
Mr. George Nelson	1963-64
Mr. Anton Tapper (Deceased)	1964-65
Mrs. Mary Peters (Deceased)	1965-66
Mrs. Harry Wilson	1966-67
Mr. Walter Bell (Deceased)	1967-68
Mrs. Henry Cleveland	1968-69
Miss Marjorie Sohl	1969-70
Mr. Gordon Whitney	1970-71
Mr. Verlyn Mack	1971-72
Mrs. Nina Cravens	1972-73
Mrs. Ray Williams	1973-74
Mr. Kurt Marx	1974-75
Miss Fern Arnold	1975-76

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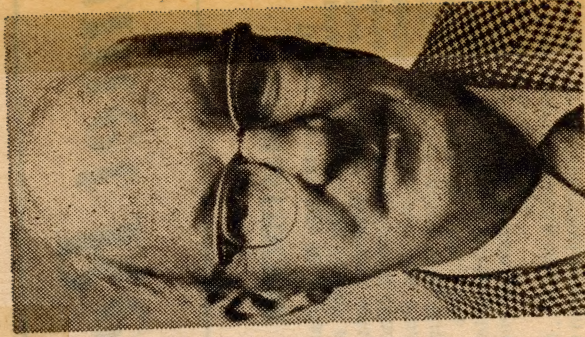
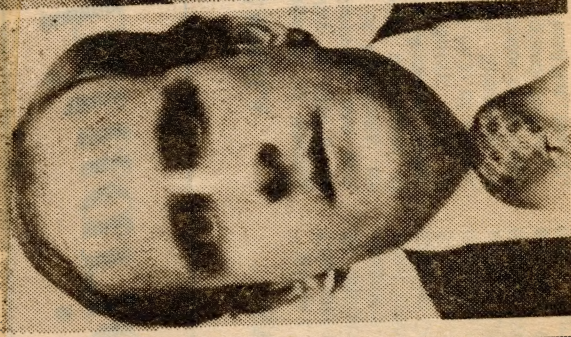
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Wednesday, May 18, 1977

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Mrs. Willard Jonas (left) is the rethring president of the Hammond Historical Society. Named for 1977-78 are Roger Reeder, treasurer; Marjorie Sohl, secretary, and Edward Hayward, news editor.

Group Leaders